The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday May 20, 2008 in multi-purpose room B of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 1301 2nd Avenue Conway, SC. The following board members were present: Chairman Mr. Joel Carter, Vice-chairman Mr. David Douglas, Mrs. Tempe Oehler, Mr. William Long, Mr. Ben Burroughs, Mrs. Elaine Gore, Mr. Bill Strydesky, and Ms. Tamera Bergstrom. The following staff members were present: Adam Emrick, Christopher Klement and Mrs. Vicki Stone. Guest present: Mrs. Tanya Gray, Mrs. Margaret C. Sheler, Mrs. Frances Johnson, Mr. Gabriel W. Gore, III, and Whitney Anderson.

In accordance with the SCFOIA, notices of the public meeting were sent to the press (and other interested persons and organizations requesting notification) providing the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting. In accordance to the Horry County Ordinance a minimum of a twenty-one day notice was given.

Mr. Carter called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m. Mr. Long led the invocation. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Burroughs asked for a correction in the minutes of April 15th 2008, concerning the Watts home. He asked that “enough of an example” be inserted on the second page under paragraph three. On the third page in the first paragraph the word “two” was asked to be removed and under Countywide Historic Survey a correction on the word “he”. Mr. Long made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Mrs. Oehler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Watts Home – Mr. Carter brought copies of a guide for architecture that he distributed among the Board members to help determine Craftsman style homes. After some discussion of the Watts home and its connection with the Craftsman style architecture, Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the Watts home for the Horry County Historic Property Register. Mrs. Bergman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Burroughs voted against the Watts home.

Baptist Colored Cemetery - Mr. Emrick gave a brief description of the cemetery. Mr. Gore spoke on behalf of the cemetery. Mr. Gore said there had been a church originally at the cemetery site. The current church was now located about a mile away. Mr. Gore said many of the Church members were interested in seeing the cemetery placed on the Historic Property Register and were maintaining the cemetery. Mr. Burroughs made a motion to approve the church. Mrs. Gore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS
Horry County Register of Historic Places Discussion – Mr. Emrick informed the Board that there were currently twenty-seven properties that had been added to the Horry County Historic Property Register and ten more properties would receive their first reading that night.

Newly Inventoried Properties – Mr. Emrick listed nine new properties for the Board to consider for placement on the Horry County Register of Historic Places at Public Hearing in June. He gave a brief description of each site including a small history of the site, the oldest graves, the number of graves if known, and any other pertinent information. This information was included in the Board members packet. Mr. Emrick commended Mrs. Gray on her very thorough inventory of the Singleton Cemetery. Mrs. Elaine Gore gave a more in depth description of the Hammond Edmonds House and the restoration work she had done. The properties are as follows:

i. Singleton Cemetery
ii. McCracken Cemetery
iii. Hammond Edmonds House
iv. Soles Cemetery
v. Grainger Cemetery
vi. The Mill Swamp School
vii. Sessions Cemetery
viii. Port Harrelson Cemetery
ix. The Buck Family

Countywide Historic Survey Update- Mr. Emrick had no current update.

Galivants Ferry District – There was no current update.

Green Sea District – They would not proceed with the Green Sea District until they had something more concrete with the Galivants Ferry District.

Preservation Month Awards – Mr. Emrick reminded the Board that there would be a Historic Preservation Ceremony this afternoon at the Conway Hardware Building. There would also be a presentation in front of Council this evening.

Washington’s Tour Marker – Mr. Emrick said everything had been submitted to the SC Department of Transportation and they were waiting on a reply.

Cemetery Project Grant – Mr. Emrick mentioned the next step would be a resolution go to I & R for review.

Ordinance Amendments
1. Live Oak – Mr. Emrick said he and the Zoning Administrator, Mr. Curt Freese had worked on an ordinance amendment. Mr. Emrick said that also he and Mrs. Carter had met with SCDOT and SCDOT did not support having an arborist available when cutting trees, but they would abide with what ever was decided.
2. Cemetery Boundaries – Mr. Miller did not show up for the meeting that he had asked for but Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Emrick worked on the project themselves and presented the standards for the Board to review. The Board members reviewed the Cemetery Boundary
Standards and made some suggestions. Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the amended Cemetery Boundary Standards and to add them to the Boards Ordinance. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Long Range Planning Assistant – Mr. Emrick introduced the summer intern the Planning Department received from Clemson, Ms. Whitney Anderson. He said she would be helping with the laborious work involved with the inventorying of cemeteries.

Mrs. Oehler mentioned she had now delivered all but 150 of the Galivants Ferry brochure.

Mr. Carter wanted to inform the other Board members of the C.B. Berry Community Center. The opening was well attended and the building is very nice.

Mr. Emrick wanted to let the Board know that Mr. David Owen with the SC Department of Natural Resources would be speaking against the Aynor Lookout Tower at the Horry County Council meeting that night.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

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ATTEST:

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Adam Emrick, Senior Planner