The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday August 19, 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, Mrs. Tempe Oehler, Mr. William Long, Mrs. Sandy Carine, Mrs. Elaine Gore, and Mr. Bill Strydesky. Staff members present: Adam Emrick, Christopher Klement, Roy Taylor, and Mrs. Vicki Stone. Guest present: Reverend James M. Smith, Mr. Walter Hardee, Mrs. Tawnya Gray, Miss Tabatha Martin-Gray, Mr. Stephen Gray, Mr. John Dickinson, and Mr. Dan Johnson.

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 12:35 p.m. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Oehler asked for a correction in the minutes of June 17th 2008, concerning page four. She had only visited Fredericksburg Texas, and asked to omit Williamsburg Virginia from the minutes. Mrs. Carine made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Carine made a motion to table the election of officers until more Board members were present. Mrs. Oehler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Addition of Cemetery properties and Structures to the Horry County Historic Property Register – Mr. Emrick gave a brief description of each addition to the Register as they were presented, with a Power Point presentation for both Board members and the public guest. Included in the presentation of each property was the, cemetery name, owner name, address, parcel number, aerial photograph, condition of cemetery, number of gravesites, previous inventories, oldest grave, oldest marker, number of markers, and any notes of interest. They were presented as follows:
a. **Rogers Cemetery** - Mr. Strydesky made a motion to approve the Rogers Cemetery to the Horry County Property Register. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. **Stevenson Cemetery** - Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the Stevenson Cemetery to the register. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c. **Johnson Cemetery** – Mr. Long made a motion to approve the Johnson Cemetery to the register. Mrs. Oehler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Johnson asked what the criteria to make something Historic were. Mr. Carter gave him some examples and Mr. Emrick recited the five criteria the Board looks for to meet the Historic Property Register. Mr. Johnson asked if they would be prohibited from additional burials and they told him no.

d. **Stroud Cemetery** – Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the Stroud Cemetery to the register. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

e. **Elliott Cemetery** – Mr. Long made a motion to approve the Elliott Cemetery to the register. Mrs. Gore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

f. **Royals Cemetery** - Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the Royals Cemetery to the register. Mr. Strydesky seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

g. **St. Peter A.M.E. Church Cemetery** – Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approved the St. Peter A.M.E. Church Cemetery to the register. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

h. **St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery** – Reverend James M. Smith asked if the church was added to the register in addition to the cemetery, would they have to come before the Board before they made any additions to the church. Mr. Emrick informed them that the church was not old enough to be added to the register, so they would not have to come before the Board. Mr. Strydesky made a motion to approve the St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery to the register. Mrs. Gore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**State Update**- Mr. Emrick informed the Board that they now had thirty-six properties that have been added to the Horry County Register and eleven more will be added on September 2nd 2008.

**Newly Inventoried Properties** – Mr. Emrick gave a brief description along with a Power Point presentation for the newly inventoried properties. Mr. Emrick gave a special thanks to Mrs. Gray for her help with inventories. Mr. Emrick mentioned that Mrs. Gray goes above and beyond to give the Board as much information on each gravesite as possible. The newly inventoried properties are as follows:

i. **Centenary Church Cemetery**

ii. **Sweetwater Baptist Church Cemetery**

iii. **Socastee United Methodist Church Cemetery**

iv. **Hughes Cemetery**

v. **Daniel Chestnut Cemetery**

vi. **Barnhill-Martin Cemetery**

vii. **Beulah Baptist Church, Cemetery and Rosenwald School**

viii. **True Vine Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery**
Mr. Strydesky suggested Mr. Emrick mail out to all of the cemeteries they have inventoried, a copy of the cemetery care brochure.

**Budget Update, Discussion and Vote on Allocations** – Mr. Emrick gave the Board a budget outline of what the Board had asked for versus what the Board had actually received. Mr. Strydesky suggested they table the budget until next meeting and they could email Mr. Emrick with some suggestions on how they wanted to spend the money they received.

**Countywide Historic Survey Update**- Mr. Emrick said he included two emails from Staci Richey concerning the Historic Survey. Mr. Emrick wanted to keep the Board informed on why they had not received the survey as of yet.

**Galivants Ferry District**- There was no current update.

**Green Sea District**- Mr. Emrick asked the Board if they had read the article written on the Green Sea District. He commented the article was positive if not premature.

**Lookout/Fire Towers** – Mr. Emrick mentioned to the Board the fire tower had been removed from the list. Mrs. Oehler gave a brief and passionate history lesson on the lookout/fire towers and was concerned that the state was so opposed to letting the Board place the lookout/fire towers on the register. Several members of the Board discussed their concerns with losing a part of the Low Country as well as the states history. Mr. Carter said he would like to see at least one of the towers to be preserved on the Historical Register. Mr. Dickerson with the SC Forestry Commission explained that the major concern for the state was the danger of the towers and the liability that goes alone with that danger.

The Board members expressed their concerns to Mr. Emrick that they were not informed that the towers were actually going before the I & R Board for a review and they were not there to represent their views. Mr. Emrick agreed with their concern and mentioned the Board would be kept informed on any new developments.

**Cemetery Project Grant** – Mr. Emrick said they should know something by September 6th.

**Historic Preservation Brochure** – Mr. Emrick gave a copy of a very condensed version of a Historic Preservation Brochure he put together and asked the Board members for their advice and critique on the brochure. Mr. Carter asked the Horry County Seal be used on the front instead of the seal that Mr. Emrick had chosen. The Board members approved of the brochure and said after they had a chance to examine it better, they would email Mr. Emrick with suggestions.

**Historic Preservation Plan** – Mr. Emrick suggested to the Board members that now would be a good time for the Board to compile a preservation plan. They had done very well with placing property on the Register and it would be a great time to put together a plan for what to do afterwards. Mr. Carter said he
would like to have the community involved with the plan. The Board members discussed several aspects of a plan including having too much information for the Board to review, and having outside interest in the plan, such as municipalities. Mr. Taylor informed the Board that he had met with several of the municipalities on other matters recently and they had seen the work the Board was doing and expressed some interest to him of working together with the Board. Mr. Taylor also mentioned that a plan would help Mr. Emrick and Mr. Klement with getting the community involved, not to mention grants like to see a plan. The Board decided to email Mr. Emrick with ideas for at least an outline and they would discuss the outline at the next meeting.

Cemetery Boundary Ordinance - Mr. Emrick issued a copy of the ordinance to each of the Board members and gave a brief outline of the ordinance defining cemetery boundaries. The ordinance is to be sent before County Council on September 2nd for its first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Mandatory orientation training – Georgetown – Mr. Emrick gave the Board members a brief schedule of training that the Board members need. The newest members of the Board need to attend their training on November 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Georgetown.

Insuring Historic Property – Mr. Emrick mentioned the Allsbrook House had recently been burned and had no insurance. He had looked into this matter and now had some insurance information for those with historic property to pursue. Mr. Emrick said if anyone was interested to give him a call.

DISCUSSION

Literature – Mr. Emrick mentioned several books that the Board may want to think about having available for the reference.

Current updates – Mrs. Oehler updated the Board on historical information from the Historical Society Publications and she mentioned she had finally distributed all of the 950 brochures she had obtained from Mr. Emrick.

Mr. Long mentioned that the Waccamaw Presbyterian Church had contacted him wanting to be added to the Horry County Historic Register. Mr. Emrick asked Mr. Long to have them give him a call.

Mr. Carter recapped events that occurred in July, mentioning the dedication of the High Hill Cemetery, Jeremiah Vereen Washington Tour unveiling, and the Lewis Family Cemetery dedication.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.
HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

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Adam Emrick, Senior Planner