The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday October 21, 2008 in multi-purpose room C & E 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, Ms. Tamera Bergstrom, Mr. William Long, Mr. Bill Strydesky, Mrs. Elaine Gore, and Mrs. Sandy Carine. Staff members present: Adam Emrick, Christopher Klement, and Vicki Stone. Guest present: Ms. Tawnya Gray, Ms. Margaret Causey Sheler, and Miss Makinzie Causey.

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 12:32 p.m. Mr. Long led the invocation. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16th, 2008. Mr. Strydesky seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Douglas made a motion to appoint Mr. Carter as the Chairman of the Board. Ms. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Long made a motion to appoint Mr. Douglas as the Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mr. Strydesky seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Horry County Register of Historic Places Discussion – Status Update- Mr. Emrick updated the board on the register inventory. The Board now had 3,900 gravesites, 78 cemeteries and 47 properties on the register. There are 21 properties that are to be brought forward to the I & R Committee in November. He is in the process of posting this information on the internet on Google Earth which offers free access to the public. He will also include other Historic sites.

Newly Inventoried Properties – Mr. Emrick gave a brief description along with a Power Point presentation for the newly inventoried property. They were presented as follows:

1. Montgomery-Wilson Cemetery
2. Tilly Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery (Ms. Gray inventoried)
3. Smith Cemetery
4. Singleton Family Cemetery (Toddville)
5. Dew Cemetery
6. Woodstock Cemetery (associated with Woodstock Plantation)
7. Old Graham cemetery
8. Kenneth Asbury Graham Cemetery
9. Red Oak Cemetery

Countywide Historic Survey Update – Mr. Emrick informed the Board that he was emailed by Brockenton and there was still a delay in the data mapping.

Galivants Ferry District- Mr. Emrick and Mr. Douglas discussed some of the items that had kept the Board from moving forward with approving a district. Many of these items such as the gravesite boundary and the ability to move a gravesite have now been addressed. Mr. Douglas said he would present those items to the Holiday family and try to push the agenda forward.

Green Sea District – Mr. Emrick said there has been no advancement with this district. He was waiting for the Galivants Ferry area to be more developed before they started making any decisions on the Green Sea District. He also mentioned that the Little River area had expressed an interested in preserving the waterfront.

Cemetery Project Grant- Mr. Emrick informed the Board that they had received the grant for $43,900 from Preserve America. The grant monies will allow the Board to purchase ground penetrating radar and 5 hand held GPS units for the inventorying of cemeteries.

Historic Preservation Plan- Public Meetings- Mr. Emrick suggested that the first of the public meetings for the Historic Preservation Plan start December 2nd, 2008 in Little River at the new C.B. Berry Building. The Board members discussed the importance of including areas such as Green Sea, Loris, Aynor, and Bucksport. They also made several suggestions as to times and frequency of the public meetings.

Budget Discussions- Mr. Emrick informed the Board that due to the change in the economic climate, the Boards budget had been cut for this fiscal year. He offered a new individual line item budget for the Board to consider. After much debate and discussion on the budget, Mr. Strydesky made a motion to approve the line item budget Mr. Emrick suggested with the stipulation of moving things around if they needed to. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Years Budget- Mr. Emrick presented the Line Item Budget that the Board presented for the past year alone with the actual approved budget, and the newly adjusted budget. The Board members discussed different aspects of the budget. Mrs. Carine made a motion to approve the 2009/2010 budget for $54,215. Mr. Strydesky seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mandatory Orientation Training- Georgetown- Mr. Emrick reviewed the dates and times for the orientation training which included Mr. Graham, Mr. Strydesky, Ms. Gore, and Mr. Burroughs, and the Continuing Education training which included Mr. Douglas, Ms. Oehler, Mrs. Carine, and Ms. Bergstrom. Mr. Carter and Mr. Long had completed their Continuing Education training earlier.
Mr. Carter discussed the training class he had attended and distributed a worksheet that was included on functions and forms of public engagement. He said the course was very informative and he would email Mr. Emrick with more information he had received.

Mr. Emrick presented a COE for Mrs. Carine to sign with the recommendation for a COA by the Board, enabling her to make advancements in the repairing of her home against storm damage that was received earlier.

Mr. Emrick also gave the Board a copy of a scaled down version of the Annual Report Form he sent to the Certified Local Government (CLG) of the S.C. Department of Archives & History. In the report was a list of the accomplishments the Board had achieved during the past year.

Ms. Carine made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Strydesky seconded the motion. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.