

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF HORRY)

**Horry County Board of Architectural Review
and Historical Preservation
January 21, 2014**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, in Multi-Purpose Room B of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 1301 2nd Avenue in Conway, SC. The following Board members were present: Chairman Carolyn Dillian, Jamie Thompkins, Jody Nyers, William Long, Joel Carter, and Bill Strydesky. Staff present: Adam Emrick & Jaime Siratt.

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.

Chairman Carolyn Dillian called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 PM.

New Board Member- Sam Dusenbury

Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2013 – Jody Nyers made a motion to approve the minutes and Jamie Thompkins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Certificates of Appropriateness – Vereen Gardens

Adam Emrick gave an overview. He stated that we have a gentleman writing an article for the South Carolina Wildlife Magazine. The gentleman researched the undeveloped sections of Kings Highway. He stated that this was in the Historic Preservation plan to do a restoration project on Kings Highway and start at Vereen Gardens. Adam stated that last fall he applied for an \$8,000 grant from Palmetto Pride unfortunately we did not receive the grant. However, Parks and Recreation has decided to go through with this project anyway, using their budget. They chain link fence has been removed since the last meeting. Carolyn Dillian stated that by protecting this roadway in this way we are also protecting it as an archeological resource. Jamie Thompkins questioned the plans for the split rail fencing; Adam confirmed that Parks and Recreation are going to provide a fence. The BAR will decide the vegetation that goes into this project. Bill Strydesky made a motion to approve Certificate of appropriateness. Jamie Thompkins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings – None

Special Tax Assessment Application – None

Old Business

- A. **2013 High School Video Contest** – Carolyn Dillian gave an overview. She stated that she went out and delivered certificates and money to the winners of the 2013 high school video contest. She said the students were thrilled to get the money and certificates. First place went to Maher Baba Spiritual Center, second was Boulineaus and third place was Pine Lakes Country Club. These results were from the viewing and discussion on November 19, 2013.
- B. **The Patriot Tree Project** – Adam Emrick gave an overview. He stated that the first project will be the Upper Mill Plantation, which is on the local register as well as the National Register. Adam stated that he met with the Historical Society to shorten this process. At the meeting they realized that the level of research that the Historical Society is collecting is far more than we really need for this project so after some discussion they are going to lighten the research for this project. Adam said that he really is hoping for the first ceremony to be February 8th and that he has already committed to April 25th for the second ceremony at Vereen Gardens.

- C. **Business Recognition Program** – Adam Emrick gave an overview. He stated that there have not been any completed applications right now. There have 2 applications that have been sent in however Adam said there was still more information needed. Carolyn Dillian stated that she wanted to add a little more to the application than what was currently there. Carolyn also stated that she had a class of 15 students that were going to go and conduct a formal interview to ask about the family and business history. She also stated that the students would be asking to take pictures of the business, the owners, and the streetscape. Adam stated that this would make the businesses feel more appreciated. Bill Strydesky said that he had a book of businesses that had listings of old businesses. Jody Nyers questioned who would be sending out new cards, the board or the students. After some discussion they decided the board would send out the cards and return calls letting the businesses know a student from Coastal Carolina would be contacting them.

New Business

Outreach Recap – Adam Emrick gave an overview as follows:

- On December 5th Adam conducted a presentation at the Historic Preservation Presentation to the Coastal Training Consortium which counted towards training credits for board members.
- On December 7th Adam went out with Conway High School to inventory Thompson Cemetery. Adam stated that it was successful, and they were able to inventory the whole cemetery.
- Adam stated that he went out with the South Carolina Film Alliance to scout for a movie. The SC film alliance was looking for historic buildings associated to the Air Force Base. Adam stated that he wasn't sure if we would get the movie but he said that it definitely made an impression on them.
- On December 17th Adam presented to the Myrtle Beach Garden club at Sea Captain's House. Adam said it was a good reception. They are very excited about the Patriot Tree Project and they want to get permission from Dunes Club to add to the list for trees.
- On January 7th Adam presented to the Yaupon Garden Club Adam stated that this club has been very instrumental in the Patriot Tree Project, they have identified several trees they want to save for this project.
- January 14th Adam met with the Pee Dee Land Trust, which is a non profit organization that does conservation easements. So far they have not done any historic conservation easements, however they have the ability to do so. Adam said they have done a lot of properties along the PeeDee River, swamp lands, and the Carolina Bays. They want to piggy back on the Century Farm Program to see if some of the farmers want to put conservation easements on their farm land to preserve it as farm land.
- Adam is speaking for the Trinity Presbyterian Church Men's Group on January 21st.
- On March 8th Adam is scheduled to speak to the Myrtle Beach Genealogical Society about the Board of Architectural Review's projects, specifically the Patriot Tree Project. Adam is tentatively scheduled to give a Presentation about County Historic Preservation at the SCAPA Conference; they are trying to get the Conference in Mount Pleasant, looking at February. Adam said he has applied for the 2014 Forum in Philadelphia. He said he should find out towards the end of January whether or not he gets in. Joel Carter questioned the availability of a grant for this. Adam stated there are some grants from

Archives and History but they have not offered anything as of yet. Adam said there will be a reduction in prices if he is selected as a speaker.

- Carolyn Dillian said on March 1st there is a conference for the Archeological Society of South Carolina in Columbia. She said she would be going if anyone is interested they could go with her. She said registration is twenty dollars.
- Adam said there will also be a state conference for the Landmark Conference in Columbia as well, a date has not been made yet for this conference, he said as soon as he knows he will follow up with the board. The whole board has been budgeted to go to this meeting and this count towards training credits.
- Jody Nyers spoke at a group in Surfside. She talked about the farm, the museum and Conway Downtown Alive.

Board Discussion

Bill Strydesky questioned whether or not we have had any updates on our awards that are coming up. Bill said that he had a few recommendations for the awards. He recommended the Veterans Café. They have a museum and the owner feeds everybody that walks in the door. He also wanted to recommend the owner of the Civil War Museum. Carolyn Dillian recommended the Horry County Museum. Adam said we needed all nominations to be in by the next meeting. Adam stated that the Horry County Museum had just gotten in a whole batch of pictures of down town Conway from the 30's and 50's. Joel Carter requested information on pictures and history of Myrtle Beach for Becky Billingsly who is writing a book on the History of Myrtle Beach. The board discussed various routes to take to obtain this information.

Next Meeting will be February 18, 2014.

Adjourn – Jody Nyers made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.