

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF HORRY )

**Horry County Board of Architectural Review  
and Historical Preservation  
February 17, 2015**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in Multi-Purpose Room B of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Conway, SC. The following Board members were present: Jody Nyers, Andy Anderson, Bill Strydesky, Sam Dusenbury, Christy Douglas, James Thompkins, and Joel Carter. Staff present: Carol Coleman, Mary Catherine Hyman and Lashay Miller. Adam Emrick, Jon Bourne, Todd Browning and Leslie Wilson also attended the meeting as visitors.

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.

Vice-Chairman James Thompkins called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2015** – Jody Nyers made a motion to approve the minutes and Andy Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Certificates of Appropriateness –None.**

**Public Hearings –None.**

**Special Tax Assessment Application –707 Main Street in Conway - Shine Café – Leslie Wilson-** Leslie Wilson informed the board about the renovations she would like to make to the historic property located on Main Street in Conway and the proposal of the new Café she would like to open. The board discussed the proposal while Leslie Wilson, Jon Bourne and Todd Browning all addressed questions that was asked by the board. After much discussion, Joel Carter made a motion to approve the Special Tax Assessment Application for the Shine Café and Jody Nyers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Old Business**

- A. The Patriot Tree Project-** Mary Catherine Hyman addressed the board about three possible upcoming tree dedications. One will take place at the Aynor Library, in conjunction with the Aynor/Galivants Ferry Historical Foundation. The second will be at McLean Park, in conjunction with the Yaupon and Driftwood Garden Clubs. The third will be at the Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Elm Street here in Conway.
- B. Legacy Business Recognition Project.**
  - i. Recap/Review.-**Mary Catherine Hyman discussed the remaining businesses that were nominated for the Legacy Business Recognition but have not yet been recognized. Jody Nyers stated that she would like to

continue working on this particular project. The members all agreed that we need to make this more of a priority.

- ii. **Future plans.** – Joel Carter stated that he feels that we need do a Legacy Business Recognition around the same frequency as The Patriot Tree Project. At least one every quarter or more if possible. Jody Nyers stated that she would like to gather the information needed and set up a Legacy Business Recognition in April.

**C. Historic Preservation Awards Nominations.** –Mary Catherine Hyman stated that the nominations must be voted on at the next meeting. We do have possible nominations for the Garden Clubs who have helped with putting on the Patriot Tree Project Ceremonies, as well as the homeowners at 706 Elm Street for their hard work. If the board can think of any other nominees, we can address them at the next meeting and vote.

## **New Business**

### **A. Newly Inventoried Properties.**

- i. **Greater St. James AME Cemetery.**–Mary Catherine Hyman briefly summarized the addition of this cemetery to the inventory. It will be discussed at the next public hearing.

**B. Patriot Tree Website Upgrades.**–Mary Catherine Hyman advised the board members that she had been notified by the Horry County Library that they would love to assist on the upgrades to this website. The BAR must review and approve all proposed changes.

### **C. 2015 Action Plan.**

- i. **Review of Goals and Strategies from the Historic Preservation Plan.**– Mary Catherine Hyman informed the board about this plan. The board members briefly discussed this in regards to the board members each trying to participate in heading that particular project. Jody Nyers stated we need to prioritize what is the most important to what is the least important and work from there in getting the projects complete. Bill Strydesky stated it may be easier if we divide the plan into two parts, new items and ongoing items.
- ii. **Creation of 2015 Action Plan.** – Joel Carter and James Thompkins both stated that they would like to see what needs to be done about moving forward on getting the DOT signs for historic areas. Bill Strydesky advised that we should get at least ten locations together when we try to get these signs completed. Joel Carter also stated that we should estimate

the costs of our projects and address County Council about funding for the projects.

**D. Discussion concerning new Chairperson.**-Mary Catherine Hyman announced to the board that Chairperson Carolyn Dillian will be resigning because she is moving outside of Horry County. The March meeting will be her last. At this meeting, the Board will need to vote for a new Chair.

**Discussion**

Mary Catherine Hyman gave an overview of past events and current events for the future. The Board members also each stated what projects they would like to work on. Jody Nyers will work on the Legacy Business Recognition Project, Joel Carter and Andy Anderson will work on getting the DOT signs completed, Christy Douglas will work on the Video Contest, James Thompkins will work on the website and Facebook page, Christy Douglas and James Thompkins will work on the Century Farm Project. All projects will be coordinated with Mary Catherine Hyman.

**Next Meeting** will be March 17, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

**Adjourn** – Jody Nyers made a motion to adjourn. Bill Strydesky seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.