The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 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: Jody Nyers, Jamie Thompkins, Becky Billingsley, Joel Carter, Christy Douglas, Sam Dusenbury, Wink Prince, and Bill Strydesky. Staff present: Lou Conklin, Leigh Kane and Susi Miller. Board member not present: Katie Clary and David Stoudenmire.

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.

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Jody Nyers called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 p.m.

II. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Jamie Thompkins and Jody Nyers

III. Approval of Minutes - August 15, 2017 and November 21, 2017 – Joel Carter made a motion to approve the minutes and Bill Strydesky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Input - None

V. New Business

A. Public Hearings

2017-01-001– Greg Hyman, agent for Hyman Farms Inc. – Review after 1 year of the request for an Agri-tourism permit on 23.15 acres, located at 6027 Old Bucksville Road in Conway. Lou Conklin gave an overview. The applicant requested to extend the existing permit and add weddings to the permitted use. The wedding times would be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with no amplified music. Marilyn Patton, Peggy Cabral Haller, Mary Ellen Robert, Charles Sasser, Ernie Robert and Ronald Clyburn spoke in opposition to the request with concerns regarding increased traffic and noise. Jessica Stevens and Denzel Morgan spoke in favor of the request stating that weddings are much more favorable for this property then turning this location into a commercial site. Greg Hyman was present to answer questions. Mr. Hyman stated that he has had four requests for weddings and they only wanted music for the actual ceremony. In the past year Mr. Hyman has hosted several events for children, “You pick” events and also brought in a group from a retirement home. The board discussed parking, seating and catering. Mr. Hyman stated that there is plenty of parking and the event planner will be responsible for the seating and catering.

Bill Strydesky made a motion to approve the request to add weddings to the permit, with renewal of the wedding permit in one year, to allow the remaining uses permitted until the renewal date of January of 2022 and to make the ingress and egress exclusively on Old Bucksville Road. Becky Billingsley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
2018-01-001 – Victor Nobles, agent for Charles Nobles – Request for an Agri-tourism permit on 31 acres, located on the corner of Saddle Club Rd. & Rogers Rd. Lou Conklin gave an overview. Sharon Elvis and Sharon Gasque spoke in opposition to the request. Their concerns were traffic, noise and they wanted to keep the road as it is because they use it to ride horses. This road is county maintained and is presently being paved. Melissa Nobles was present to answer questions. Mrs. Nobles stated that Charles Nobles is her father-in-law and the events are all family oriented. They are requesting to build a barn for weddings and barn dances. They do not want to make the property into a commercial site because they want to continue to use the property to grow hay for their horses and cattle when it is not being used for events. The board discussed the pros and cons of the request and decided to allow weddings but not barn dances. Joel Carter made a motion to approve the request with the conditions as stated by staff and the following amended conditions: Hours of operation – 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Activities will be allowed until the barn has been built with the use of portable toilets, based on “Portable Toilet Standards”, no events shall take place within the barn until a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by Code Enforcement and the permit must be renewed in one year. Jamie Thompkins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. Legacy Business Recognition Program - Jody Nyers gave an overview. Jody stated that Christy Douglas suggested March 7, 2018 for the next event at the Galivants Ferry Store, without the field trip to the barn since the barn is unsafe for anyone to go inside.

B. Historic Preservation Award Nominations – Lou Conklin gave an overview. The board had a few more suggestions to add. The suggestions were: Bob Reed and Diane Moscow McKenzie who were involved in the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base redevelopment project. Dino Thompson, owner of Cagney’s Restaurant and The Flamingo Grill.

VII. Board Discussion - The time was almost 5:00 p.m. Jody Nyers made the suggestion to adjourn the meeting at this time and continue with the remaining agenda items at the February 20, 2018 meeting.

VIII. Adjourn – Wink Prince made a motion to adjourn and Christy Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.