The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 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: Jamie Thompkins, Sam Dusenbury, Joel Carter, Neal Causey, David Stoudenmire, Bill Strydesky, Gerry Wallace, Wink Prince, Christy Douglas, and Becky Billingsley. Staff present: Lou Conklin, Stacy Hendrick, and Desiree Jackson. Board members not present: none.

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, Jamie Thompkins called the meeting to order at approximately 2:32 p.m.

II. Invocation – Sam Dusenbury delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Wink Prince to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by David Stoudenmire and the vote carried unanimously.

IV. Public Input – none.

V. New Business

A. Certificate of Appropriateness- Residence of David Jordan- The applicant is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to modify the old laundry room into a pool house. Lou Conklin gave background information on when the property became a historical site and what exactly would be changed upon approval from the BAR. Chairman Jamie Thompkins asked a few questions for clarification as to where the pool house would be located and how the plans would conform to present zoning laws. Ms. Susan McMillian, an adjacent property owner, was present to better understand the structure as well. With no further comments, Wink Prince made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Becky Billingsley seconded to motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Agritourism Permits

   a. Hyman Farms- Before any discussion ensues, Gerry Wallace recuses himself as an adjacent property owner. Lou Conklin gives background information about this agritourism permit. It was previously approved to have weddings from 9am until 3pm. The applicant claims that several potential clients have decided to go elsewhere for their gatherings because 3pm is too early for a wedding and a reception. Mr. Hyman wanted to extend his hours to 10pm and also wants to change his allowable use from ‘weddings’ to ‘special events’ to include parties and social gatherings. Lou Conklin stated that Mr. Hyman’s closest neighbor, Mr. Joseph Stenet, had called earlier that week to voice his acceptance of the
changes. The BAR took several minutes to discuss the definition of ‘special events’ and what this title would entail. With no definite answer, the board asked for any public input in this matter. Ms. Robin and Mr. Charles Sasser, owners of adjacent parcels, spoke in opposition of extending the permitted hours. Both think that a longer trail period is necessary to determine how weddings will affect the area. Mr. Shook, also a resident nearby, is against the extended hours. Ms. Renae Gains, also a neighbor, is in favor of extending the hours until 10pm. She is a caterer and says that there is no fair chance for Mr. Hyman’s venue unless the hours are extended. Ms. Mary Ellen Robert agrees that there has been no opportunity to make an informed decision because nobody has used the venue. Lou reminded the BAR that Agritourism Permits are for five years and only two have been used. Assistant Zoning Administrator Desiree Jackson explained the uses for the current zoning of AG2. Mr. Hyman answered questions from the board. Becky Billingsley made a motion to extend the permit hours to allow weddings until 10pm for one year. This motion was seconded by Sam Dusenbury. Discussion ensues and Bill Strydesky spoke in regards to allowing the amendment to be made that allows for the 10 pm extension to last until the permit expires. After discussion, Jamie Thompkins called for a vote on the motion to extend social events until 10 pm for one year. All Board members voted in favor of the motion except for Jamie Thompkins and Bill Strydesky.

b. The Blessed Barn- This permit was applied and approved last year. Lou Conklin shared a few changes that have been made: 1) Victor Nobles now owns the property, 2) the ingress and egress has been relocated, 3) the building structure has changed from one large barn to three smaller structures, and 4) a landscaping berm was voluntarily added around the perimeter of the property. Lou Conklin gave background information about the permit and informed the Board members that eight calls from various neighbors had been made in the previous weeks that were for approval of extending this permit. Applicant Melissa Nobles answered questions about the Blessed Barn. Bill Strydesky made a motion to approve the permit for the next four years. The motion was seconded by Wink Prince. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

C. Historical Markers- Lou Conklin gave an overview of Steve Howell’s suggestion for the Little Lamb Community to get a Historical Marker. Jamie Thompkins stated that he thinks more research is needed to approve Little Lamb for a Historical Marker. He then gave some history about Huger Park. Gerry Wallace makes a motion to remove Galivant’s Ferry from the research list for Historical Markers because there are already two signs in Galivant’s Ferry. He also wants to add Dog Bluff/Rehoboth to this list. The motion was seconded by Christy and carried unanimously. Jamie appointed himself along with Becky Billingsley and Christy Douglas to a subcommittee specifically for Historical Markers. Becky Billingsley made a motion to add Huger Park and Little Lamb to the research list for Historical Markers. This was seconded by David Stoudenmire. The motion carried unanimously. Before ending the discussion, Lou Conklin reviewed the responsibilities of the Board members as pertaining to sign damage.

D. Cemetery Project
   a. Floyd Family Cemetery- Jamie Thompkins proposed discarding this location because the property does not want this named as historical.
   b. Parker Cemetery- Jamie Thompkins and possibly County Attorney, David Jordan will meet with the property owners to explain what the significance of this project is.
c. Folly Cemetery- Lou suggested that the Board keep this cemetery tabled until the property has been fully subdivided.
d. Ray Cemetery- Board members need to explain to property owners what the significance of this project is.
e. High Point Cemetery- Jamie Thompkins will contact the property owners to explain what the significance of this project is.

VI. Old Business

VII. Legacy Business Update- On March 5th, the BAR will be visiting Ocean Drive Barber Shop at 9:00am and Boulineau’s at time to be determined. Christy Douglas nominated Skeets Bellamy of the Bellamy Law Firm.

VIII. Historic Preservation Awards Update – Jamie Thompkins nominated Shine Café. Becky Billingsley nominated a posthumous award to Catherine Lewis, as well as a living award to Barbara Stokes.

IX. Board Discussion

A. Monthly Budget- The total 2019 budget for the BAR is $7,000.00
   a. November-December expenditure:
      i. IPads- $60 each month =$120
      ii. Two Legacy Business Plaques =$108
      iii. Three name tags =$24.30
      iv. Agritourism Ad =$102.58

B. A new business topic was proposed by Sam Dusenbury. He would like to keep in contact with people from the preservation workshop.

X. Next Meeting – February 19, 2019, 2:30 p.m.

XI. Adjourn – Wink Prince made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Stoudenmire seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.