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COUNTY OF HORRY )

**Horry County Board of Architectural Review  
and Historical Preservation  
September 17, 2019 Meeting**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 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: Jamie Thompkins, Wink Prince, Brenda Long, Janet Obenshain, Joel Carter, Sam Dusenbury, David Stoudenmire Jr., Bill Strydesky, and Gerry Wallace (left at 3:42 PM). Staff present: Lou Conklin, Darra Hucks, and Leigh Kane. 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 2:30 PM. There was a quorum present.
- II. Invocation** – Jamie Thompkins delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Bill Strydesky asked about the budget and fiscal year. Mrs. Lou Conklin explained the budget and that the fiscal year runs July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Mr. David Stoudenmire Jr. to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brenda Long.

Mr. Strydesky asked for the new board members, Brenda Long and Janet Obenshain, to introduce themselves for those who were not present at the last meeting. Mrs. Janet Obenshain introduced herself, and Mrs. Brenda Long did as well.

- IV. Public Input** – There was none.
- V. Board Discussion**
  - A. Historic Preservation Awards** – Mrs. Conklin explained she has nomination forms available for the Board if needed. Mr. Joel Carter mentioned a typo on page 6 about Mary Canty’s name. Mr. Carter explained it states Mary Contie but should be spelled Mary Canty. Chairman Jamie Thompkins asked the Board to give a brief explanation of any nominations submitted so the Board can understand why they’re being nominated. Mrs. Brenda Long had questions about what qualifications a building should have in order to be nominated. Chairman Thompkins explained that in order to be nominated for a preservation award, something would have had to be preserved from the originality of the building. Mr. Carter stated if the building has been preserved and nothing has been distorted, it can be recognized as a historical building.

- B. Board Name** – Mrs. Conklin gave an overview about the Board of Architectural Review and Historical Preservation changing the name of the board. Mrs. Conklin presented information and examples of Historic signs with the BAR’s name on them. Chairman Thompkins explained the BAR name produces confusion with the public. Chairman Thompkins stated he believes the name should focus on historical preservation because that is the majority of what the board works to achieve. He also stated he believes it is better to drop architectural review from the name to better communicate with the public. Mr. Strydesky and Chairman Thompkins questioned the steps that the Board will have to go through in order to change the name of the BAR. Mrs. Conklin explained any name change will need to be adopted by County Council before it can be used. She also explained that if the board does change the name, the code of ordinances and by-laws will have to be updated. There was much discussion between the Board members about a name change. The Board asked Mrs. Conklin to include a decision memorandum in the packet for next month to vote on the name change. The Board decided on the following names to vote upon next month: Horry County Board of Historic Preservation, Horry County Historic Preservation Board, Horry County Historic Preservation Commission and Horry County Board for Historic Preservation.
- C. Preservation Plan Update** – Mrs. Conklin asked the Board what direction they would like to take for the next five years for the update to the Horry County Preservation Plan. Mrs. Conklin presented maps showing the following: planned road projects, rezoning density, existing and future major residential subdivisions, and building permits for fiscal years 2012-2017. She stated the BAR must maintain a database for the properties, structures, and districts that are eligible for the Horry County Historic Register. Mrs. Leigh Kane explained to the Board some road widenings and construction could alter the history and character of certain locations. She suggested the Board become proactive and begin research in these districts/areas that can possibly be preserved prior to those opportunities being lost. Throughout much discussion, Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Conklin spoke about the historic properties located on GIS that were done through SHPO’s Historic Survey. The Board spent time discussing tree preservation. Chairman Thompkins stated he thinks it would be great to get the public to register historic trees and mark them in a database. Mrs. Conklin explained the Board should determine what properties need to go on the Historic Register because they need to add 10 properties in the rural areas as directed by the County’s Strategic Plan and draft Comprehensive Plan. Currently, there is one property, the Ketchup Town Store, which counts toward the 10 needed. The Board discussed eligible historic and national register properties and how to proceed with those on the top priority list. Mrs. Conklin asked each of the Board members to write down three areas that they are concerned about preserving and give to her for research or email her within one week.

Mrs. Conklin asked the Board for someone to volunteer for the Parks and Open Space Board to assist on a committee to design Huger Park. Vice Chairman Wink Prince volunteered. Mr. Thompkins indicated that he would also like to be informed of the meetings so he can be involved.

Mrs. Conklin also presented the revised Grier/Cox Ferry Historical Marker text developed by Mr. Thompkins and Ben Burroughs. Staff was advised to send the revisions to SHPO for their consideration.

**VI. Reports**

A. **Monthly Budget Report** – Lou Conklin announced that she is still waiting for the quarterly iPad bill, and she reported there is currently \$6,699.91 left in the budget for this fiscal year.

B. **Food for Thought** – Mrs. Lou Conklin reminded the Board that information about historic materials and their treatment can be found in the Preservation Briefs provided by the National Park Service.

**VII. Next Meeting – October 15, 2019 at 2:30 PM**

**VIII. Adjourn** – Vice Chairman, Wink Prince made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by David Stoudenmire Jr. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.