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COUNTY OF HORRY)

**Horry County Board of Architectural Review
and Historical Preservation
August 18, 2020 Meeting**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 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, Joel Carter, Sam Dusenbury, Gerry Wallace, David Stoudenmire, and Susan Platt. Members absent: Bill Strydesky and Brenda Long. Staff present: Lou Conklin, Susi Miller, Katie Moore and Leigh Kane. Visitors present: Josh Kay, Rick Ruonala, James Bryant, and Reverend Green.

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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** – Chairman Thompkins asked the Board to review the minutes from the June 16, 2020 meeting. Mr. Gerry Wallace made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes. Mr. Sam Dusenbury seconded the motion, and the vote to approve carried unanimously.
- IV. **New Business.**
 - A. **Nominations and Election of Officers** – A motion was made by Sam Dusenbury to nominated Jamie Thompkins for Chairman, and the vote to approve carried unanimously. Susan Platt nominated Sam Dusenbury for Vice-Chairman, and the vote to approve carried unanimously.
 - B. **Special Tax Assessment Case # 01-02-13-2020**, Darden Jewelers, 807 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, Sign and Awning Review, PIN # 444-01-01-0043 – Mrs. Conklin gave an overview of the amendment to the Preliminary Certification for Special Tax Assessment Case# 01-02-13-2020. She also stated that Bill Strydesky had called and informed her, he was against the painting of the signage on the back wall as proposed in the application.

Josh Kay from Mashburn Construction was present to answer questions. Comments from the Board centered on the height of the signage for both the front and rear of the building. Mr. Kay stated he did not want to decrease the size of the lettering and the City of Myrtle Beach had approved the signage and awning as

proposed in the application. Gerry Wallace made a motion to approve the awning and the front signage as proposed, but to decrease the signage in the back to eight inches in height, with 1” dimensional letters in lieu of the surface painting. The motion was seconded by Joel Carter and the motion passed 5 to 1 with Susan Platt voting against the motion.

Prior to Mr. Kay leaving, Mr. Thompkins and Mr. Carter questioned him on the repointing for the Special Tax Assessment Case# 03-02-20-2020. Mashburn Construction is also the contractor for this Tax Assessment Case. Mr. Kay explained this was prep work and they would do their best to match the old brick and mortar colors.

C. Certificate of Appropriateness, St. Paul AME Church, PIN# 312-11-02-0064

Mrs. Conklin gave an overview of the project to add a fellowship hall behind the church. Rick Ruonala, contractor for the project answered questions from the Board. Mr. Ruonala explained that the location of the new building would be as far away from the cemetery as possible; approximately 100 to 150 feet away. In response to questions from Mr. Dusenbery, James Bryant, a church trustee spoke second. He explained the church had looked for unmarked graves with the use of ground penetrating radar. All the graves that were found, were marked and none of these were within the proposed building site.

The Board went on to discuss the color of the new building. Mrs. Conklin explained that although the St. Paul Church wanted to have the church building placed on the Horry County Historic Property Register, it currently did not have this designation. The Board could make suggestions for the color of the new building, but could only take the historic cemetery into consideration for the Certificate of Appropriateness. Reverend Green spoke last and stated that the brick color for the new building had not been picked and the church was looking for a light color.

Joel Carter made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded by David Stoudenmire and passed unanimously.

V. Announcements – Mrs. Conklin announced the State Historic Preservation Conference for this fall had been cancelled.

VI. Adjourn – Sam Dusenbury made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Gerry Wallace. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.