



Little River, SC

HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT VEREEN MEMORIAL HISTORICAL GARDENS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Friday July 26th, 2024 9:00am

C.B. Berry Community Center, Conference Room
2250 SC-179, Little River, SC 29566

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Introduction of Members*
4. *Public Input*
5. *Minutes*
 - Approval of May 17, 2024 Minutes
6. *Old Business*
 - Donation and Budget Report – *Ray Dunham*
 - Staff Updates – *Ray Dunham*
7. *Reports*
 - Maintenance & Volunteers – *Dick Patterson*
 - Memorial Ideas – *Rich and Debbie*
8. *Discussion*
 - Dog Waste – *Bob Childs*
 - Board Member Updates
9. *Adjourn*

The Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee, via Ordinance 9-87 is appointed by County Council to oversee the maintenance, protection, development and renovation of Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens. The committee's purpose is to preserve the historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural interests and values that reflect the heritage of Horry County in keeping with the aims and desires of the donor, Jackson Hiram Vereen.

VEREEN MEMORIAL HISTORICAL GARDENS COMMITTEE

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF HORRY)

Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens
Committee Workshop
Friday May 17, 2024

The Horry County Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee met on Friday May 17, 2024 at 9:30am at the C.B. Berry Community Center in the Conference Room in Little River, SC 29566. The following Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee members were present: Carol Patterson, Richard Patterson, Patricia Green, Rich Lavigne, Debbie Givens, Bob Childs, and Gary Weaver.

Staff present: Program Coordinator, Katrina Ward; and Deputy Director, Ashley Cowen.

Board members absent: Bennie Dowty, Pat Green.

The following visitors attended: Alicia Bocian, Ryan Fischer.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Carol Patterson called the workshop to order at approximately 9:35am. Richard Patterson lead the Invocation. Chairwoman Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

The members introduced themselves.

PUBLIC INPUT

The Chairwoman inquired if Alicia Bocian and Ryan Fischer would like to give their input during this time or wait until their topic on the agenda is brought up. Both requested to wait until the agenda topic. There was no public input at this time.

MINUTES

Approval of January 18, 2024 and February 5, 2024 Minutes

Chairwoman Patterson introduced the agenda item and asked the Committee to take a moment to review the minutes from January 18, 2024 and February 5, 2024. Gary Weaver made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 18, 2024, and February 5, 2024, with the amendment of noted scribes errors. Rich Lavigne seconded the motion. There was no discussion. *The motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2024 and February 5, 2024 of the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee carried unanimously.*

OLD BUSINESS

Donation and Budget Report

Acting Chairwoman Patterson introduced the topic and gave an overview. An itemized report was provided by staff. The report stated that the Committee has \$13,236.45 remaining in its donations account. The Committee has used \$2,551.94 of their annually allocated budget. The Parks and Recreation Department has spent \$7,895.51 from the Parks' account for Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens and \$5,381.17 from the Parks' account for C.B. Berry Community Center.

Debbie Givens inquired about the process for replacement and safety inspections for the boardwalk and other portions of the park. She also inquired about the funding mechanisms for such large projects. Staff stated that there are other mechanisms for funding such projects. Staff stated that there is currently a project-based account with roughly \$300,000 for a large boardwalk replacement project, which is managed by the Maintenance Department. Staff went on to state that such a project will require permitting, possibly from the Army Corps or Engineers or OCRM, and will require engineering services. Staff also stated that there is another project account with roughly \$120,000 which was requested by Pat Green on behalf of the Committee. That project has yet to be determined by the Committee, however discussions about water sources, restrooms, and GPR have occurred.

Vereen Memorial Gardens Bylaws

Chairwoman Patterson introduced the topic and gave an overview. Ashley Cowen stated that staff included the drafted bylaws, as discussed at the February meeting, in the Committee packet for consideration. Debbie Givens made the motion to approve the proposed amended bylaws and send the resolution to Council for adoption. Rich Lavigne seconded the motion. There was no discussion. *The motion to approve the proposed amended bylaws of the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee and send the resolution to Council for adoption carried unanimously.*

Memorial Bench for Peter Gulliver and Memorial Plaque for ADA Ramp

Chairwoman Patterson opened the floor for comment from Alicia Bocian and Ryan Fischer to speak.

Ms. Bocian spoke about her service animal, a tricolored basset hound, named Belwinkle. Ms. Bocian stated that Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens was Belwinkle's "Place". She went on to state that the service animal acted as if Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens was "her own back yard". Belwinkle was like a daughter to Ms. Bocian and after a long battle with cancer, Ms. Bocian would like to honor Belwinkle with a plaque or some other small gesture or memorial. Ms. Bocian stated, "This place will be something that means something to me for the rest of my days."

Staff introduced the request from Peter Gulliver's friends and family for a memorial bench in the park. Peter Gulliver applied for a position on the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens committee in October 2023. Having a wealth of knowledge and passion derived from his life-long management of parkland, Mr. Gulliver sought to bring his strengths to the committee and the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens. Peter Gulliver passed away suddenly on December 11, 2023. His appointment to Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens committee was scheduled at

County Council on December 12, 2023. Seeking to honor Peter Gulliver, his family and friends, are requesting placing a memorial bench in Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens. There are multiple existing memorial benches, swings and trails commemorating past volunteers, members, and persons of importance to the Gardens within the park.

The Committee discussed possible alternatives for memorial dedications. Katrina Ward noted that staff have received multiple inquiries about placing benches in the park as memorials. Gary Weaver mentioned the bricks near the entrance to the C.B. Berry Community Center and inquired if something similar could be done. Carol Patterson liked the idea and noted that something similar could be done near the water for dogs. Mr. Weaver noted that it could be a wall. Bob Childs suggested that the memorial could be centralized in a specific area. Debbie Givens noted that the memorial could serve a dual purpose, but that Belwinkle could perhaps be the first dog to be memorialized. Mr. Childs noted that he would look into the possibility of this. Ms. Givens inquired why people wanted to memorial via benches. Mr. Patterson stated that many memorial benches are donated. He went on to state that there are multiple donated benches already in the park, specifically the cemetery, at junctions in the trail, and swings at the boardwalk. Ms. Givens noted that the park is specifically called Vereen Memorial Gardens. Rich Lavigne inquired who is allowed to place memorial benches in the park. Katrina Ward stated that the Committee must approve each request for memorials.

Bob Childs made a motion to form a working group to further discuss a policy to guide decision-making about memorials in the park. Gary Weaver seconded the motion. The committee discussed whom would form the working group. The working group will include Debbie Givens, Rich Lavigne, and Katrina Ward. Seeing in further discussion, Chair Patterson called for a vote. *The motion to form a working group to further discuss a policy to guide decision making about memorial in the park carried unanimously.*

Bob Childs made a motion to table the discussion of the memorial bench for Peter Gulliver to a future meeting. Gary Weaver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. *The motion to table the discussion of the memorial bench for Peter Gulliver carried unanimously.*

Rich Lavigne made a motion to table the discussion of the memorial plaque for the service animal, Belwinkle, to a future meeting. Richard Patterson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. *The motion to table the discussion of the memorial plaque for the service animal, Belwinkle, carried unanimously.*

Storywalk Proposal

Chairwoman Patterson introduced the topic and gave an overview. Ashley Cowen stated Horry County Memorial Libraries (HCML) have been awarded a StoryWalk grant to install eight StoryWalks in Horry County. The HCML have installed one at Collins Park in Conway, one at James R. Frazier Community Center in Bucksport, and one at South Strand Recreation Center in Burgess. The HCML is seeking the opportunity to install a StoryWalk at the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens. This Grant-funded StoryWalk is managed and maintained by the Horry County Memorial Libraries. The Maintenance Department will install signs along a pre-determined trail. Each StoryWalk has 17 signs, equally spaced roughly 20 steps apart. The

interior of each sign is changed monthly by the local branch of the library and will contain a story for patrons to read and interact with as they walk down the StoryWalk.

Rich Lavigne inquired if more than 17 sign frames could be added along the walk, perhaps at the beginning or end, so that information can be added to promote events or information. Staff stated that this was possible and had been done at the South Strand Recreation Center.

Gary Weaver made a motion to approve the placement of a StoryWalk on the blue trail at Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens by the Horry County Memorial Libraries. Debbie Givens seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. *The motion to approve the placement of a StoryWalk on the blue trail at Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens by the Horry County Memorial Libraries was carried unanimously.*

Staff Updates

Chairwoman Patterson introduced the topic and gave an overview. Ashley Cowen gave a brief overview of the updates included in the meeting packet including the following:

- Boards have been replaced in the drainage way over the marsh, at the request of the committee
- The gate opening/closing time has been adjusted for daylight savings, Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens closes at sunset and opens at sunrise, just as all county parks do.
- The shed was delivered on Friday, March 8th and staff have worked to install requested shelves.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided for all volunteers to use while operating equipment in the park. Use of PPE will be required.
- All current and new volunteers will go through safety training and will wear safety goggles, gloves, and appropriate PPE while volunteering in the gardens.
- Picnic tables have been replaced. Sealant was requested by Mr. Patterson. The request was approved. Volunteers may paint with the sealant as desired.
- There are currently 19 approved volunteers with 2 waiting for approval.
- Azaleas, like most shrubs and trees, can be planted in spring or fall, however, fall is preferred because the dormant season gives roots time to grow. Summertime heat and drought can cause stress. Staff stated that azaleas will be purchased and planted in the fall.

REPORTS

Maintenance & Volunteer – Dick Patterson

Mr. Patterson presented each Committee Member with a paper report. The report stated: There has been a lot of work done in the park to improve the park. Bob Childs and Jim Baldino installed boards on Richie's trail to slow down water runoff. This will cut down on wash outs. Ralph and Mr. Patterson used filled material to improve drainage on the Patterson Trail. Rich used fill material to level and cover roots on his trail. The volunteers have continued to keep all trails clean. A mosquito trapping device has been installed by the lower part of the Patterson Trail. Park and Rec deliver several new picnic tables. Mr. Patterson noted that these tables look very nice, except for the one by the barrel, which appears to be turning black. Park and Rec have been very responsive in picking up the stacked brush and pine needles the volunteers had put in a

pile. We have cut several roots that are not around trees, to help keep walkers from tripping. The park has been loaded with cars and walkers and people have been very complementary to the volunteers for their work. Mr. Patterson noted specific concerns: potholes in the upper parking lot, walkers and runners complaining about rocks on the trails, and the rail fence needing repair or replacement. Mr. Patterson went on to note that two break-ins happened on March 14th to vehicles in the park.

Maintenance & Volunteer – *Rich Lavigne, Dick Patterson, Gary Weaver*

The financial report was given to the Committee with a paper report. The report stated: The shed has been delivered! We need to purchase a branch and root trimmer 41.99, Zaw Zaw, loppers, and mats for under the adult swings. Bob Childs noted that they liked the ones under the swings at the Swing Bridge Park under 544. The following items have been purchased, holders for rakes so they are hanging on the wall, a tamper to pack fill material down, and material shelves in the shed. Mr. Patterson inquired when they should begin planning for the FY25 budget. Ashley Cowen stated that staff had requested the same amount for FY25 as had been approved for FY24.

Rich Lavigne stated that he got acquainted with the backpack blower. Mr. Patterson inquired about a weed eater. Carole noted that many volunteers left when volunteer background checks became enforced. She noted a desire to appreciate the volunteers who stayed. Debbie Givens stated that she liked the idea.

The Committee had a brief discussion about the May 16th meeting. After some discussion, the Committee decided to hold a Spring Volunteer Luncheon on May 17th at 1:00 pm. Preceding the luncheon, the Committee will hold their meeting at 11:00 am. The Committee asked staff to purchase gift cards for each volunteer and provide the luncheon.

REPORTS

Discussion

Richard asked about trees and benches for 10k, pavers are more in the budget. Bob mentions how to keep such clean. Rich suggests these must be maintained, possibly put up a sign that state who is maintaining the project. Pat mentions Rainbow Bridge past. Brian, will have to rip it up if needed to do water line work. Richard motions to allow to replace a bench on carols trail. Debbie seconds the motion.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Rich Lavigne made a motion to adjourn. Gary Weaver seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:18am.



Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee
Briefing Memorandum
Horry County, South Carolina

Date: July 26, 2024
From: Parks and Recreation
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Taylor Ard, Admin Assistant
Regarding: Donation and Budget Report

ISSUE:

What is the status of the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens budget?

CONCLUSION:

The Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee has used \$2,605.96 of their County allocated budget.
There are \$13,236.45 remaining in the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens donation account.

BACKGROUND:

The Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee maintains two accounts. One account rolls over annually and has been accumulated via donations. This account no longer accumulates funds. The other account is allocated annually through the regular Fiscal Year budgeting process. Funds from both accounts are utilized by the Committee and staff to support the actions, projects, and needs of the Committee.

ANALYSIS:

The Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee has used funds from both accounts as follows:

Horry County Parks and Recreation has spent \$9,202.76 from the Parks Account at Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens in FY24 (\$5,206.68 were on the Shed)

Horry County Parks and Recreation has spent \$5,381.17 from the Parks Account at C.B Berry Community Center in FY24

FY 24 Funds Used: \$2,605.96

Items Purchased	Vendor	Cost	Comments
Equipment	Harbor Freight	\$260.51	2 -20v Bauer Batteries, 1-96mph Blower Bauer
Equipment	M & M	\$800.89	2- Stihl 57 123 handheld blowers, 2 -AK30 batteries
Equipment	M & M	\$355.95	Batteries for blower
Equipment	M & M	\$66.73	One battery for Stihl
Equipment	M & M	\$1,067.86	2- Stihl BGA57 123mph handheld blower, 1- Stihl FS56 gas trimmer, 1- Stihl BR200 150 mph 400 CFM backpack gas blower

Breakfast	Dunkin	\$33.13	Donuts & Coffee for Board Meeting
Name Plates	Amazon	\$20.89	Portion for Name Plates – Public Meetings

Donation Funds: Remaining \$13,236.45

Items Purchased	Vendor	Cost	Comments
Table cloth, decor	Dollar General	\$12.96	Vereen Volunteer Fall Luncheon
Subs, Sandwiches, drinks	LOWES Food	\$138.14	Vereen Volunteer Fall Luncheon
Food, etc	Sams Club	\$146.92	Vereen Volunteer Fall Luncheon
40 E-Gift Cards	Amazon Digital	\$800.0	Vereen Volunteer Fall Luncheon
Food and Supplies	Lowe's Foods	\$577.26	Vereen Volunteer Fall Luncheon



Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee
Briefing Memorandum
Horry County, South Carolina

Date: May 17, 2024
From: Parks and Recreation
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation
Prepared By: Taylor Ard, Admin Assistant
Regarding: Staff Updates

ISSUE:

What updates does staff have for the Committee?

STAFF UPDATES:

In-Process Projects

- Staff are working on the following projects:
 - Arrows painted on drive showing which direction traffic should flow near picnic shelter
 - Power washing needed areas - on-going as needed
 - Angel painting/repair
 - Gravel dips in parking lot, possible smoothing of "lip" where parking lot meets pavement
 - Azaleas in the Fall
 - Cameras - Cameras for the parking area and interior of the building of CB Berry Community Center have been requested in the FY25 budget.
 - Trail maps have been updated. Brochures ordered.
 - Rock order for replacement

Broad Road

- Signage and restoration of the Broad Road at Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens must be coordinated with the Horry County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), per County Ordinance for historic sites. The Committee reached out to the HPC Chair person, Susan Platt, and former Staff Liaison, Lou Conklin, for assistance with sign design and language.
- The Committee has also reached out to Historical Society president Ben Burroughs for assistance.
- Liaison for HPC spoke to Committee at January 18, 2023 meeting and stated she would follow up with Chairwoman Platt.
- North Myrtle Beach Historic Society and Chairwoman Platt are working on language for the signs. Additional information to follow.
- Carole will attend a Historic Preservation Commission meeting in the future

Cameras

- Solar cameras with Wireless service may be possible with assistance from the Maintenance Department and additional funding requests. Such cameras will require monthly wireless service. The Committee requested at the January 18, 2024 meeting that staff look into this as an option, specifically at the entrance to the Blue Trail.
- Additional cameras will have to go through the budgeting, approval, and purchasing, process.

Additional Park Maintenance Equipment

- The Committee has requested the following equipment once a shed is delivered: weed eater, wheel barrel, pole saw, chain saw, hedge trimmer, batteries to match each piece of equipment. Staff have already purchased a Craftsman sawzaw.
- Staff have informed the Committee that due to risk management-related reasons, the following equipment can be provided: blowers, wheel barrow, batteries, manual tools (matic).
- A shredder has been requested by the Committee to mulch debris at the park. Shredder will be provided at convenience of Grounds and Maintenance crew.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to all volunteers for use while operating equipment in the park. Use of PPE will be required.

Signs/Maps

- Road sign is still in progress.
- The Committee has requested the following signs in the park: dogs on leash, no grilling, new maps, new/updated trail signage, no bikes
- Parks and Recreation Department is working on re-signs and adding additional signs to multiple parks. All park signs will be consistent with branding and other park signage at County Facilities.

Volunteer Background Checks

- All Volunteers will go through a safety orientation and must wear safety goggles and gloves when working at the park.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided by Parks and Recreation and will be available at the C.B. Berry Community Center. PPE will be allocated only to approved volunteers.
- All Volunteers MUST fill out the volunteer paperwork in order to continue volunteering to assist with grounds maintenance at Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens. Volunteers do not need to sign the Confidentiality Agreement. All Volunteers must provide a Social Security Number and Picture ID for the background check. If a potential volunteer is unwilling to provide this information, they may contact the staff liaison for the Committee.
- Current Committee members do not need to fill out this paperwork.
- Volunteers do not need to sign the Harassment Training forms unless they receive training from Horry County Human Resources.
- *Currently 20 approved volunteers plus board members, past and present.*



Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee By-Laws

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Article I: Name

This committee's name is Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens (VMHG) Committee.

Article II: Ordinance and Status

The Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee was established by Horry County Council in 1987 by way of Ordinance 9-87. In 1999, by way of Ordinance 13-99, the Council abolished the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee as a subcommittee of the Board of Architectural Review and established it as an independent committee. The County Ordinance and amendments thereto shall be the Constitution or the Chartering document of the Committee, and shall take precedence over the Committee's By-Laws.

The Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee is responsible for planning and executing plans for renovation, development, protection, and maintenance of the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens in keeping with the aims and desires of donor, Jackson Hiram Vereen, with the "Rules and Regulations for the Vereen Memorial Gardens", which are those ordinances enacted by the Horry County Council by way of Ordinance 29-87 and codified in the Horry County Code in Article III of Chapter 14, and with all covenants and restrictions imposed on the property.

Article III: Definitions

Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens (VMHG) - shall mean and refer to that 105+ acres of land located in District #1 of Horry County, South Carolina donated by Jackson Hiram Vereen to the Horry County Historic Preservation Commission and transferred by deed to Horry County as designated in Horry County Ordinance 9-87.

Committee - shall mean and refer to the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee.

Council - shall mean and refer to the Horry County Council.

P&R Director - shall mean Horry County Director of Parks and Recreation.

Liaison – shall mean the staff liaison designated by the Horry County Director of Parks and Recreation to assist the Committee

Article IV: Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to plan and execute plans for renovation, development, protection and maintenance of VMHG in accordance with the “Rules and Regulations for the Vereen Memorial Gardens”, which are those ordinances enacted by the Horry County Council by way of Ordinance 29-87 and codified in the Horry County Code in Article III of Chapter 14, and with all covenants and restrictions imposed on the property and as further amended in the Horry County Code of Ordinances.

Article V: Membership and Attendance

The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members, unless otherwise determined by the Council. Members shall be nominated at large, and subsequently appointed by Council.

Membership shall follow the applicable portions of Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Horry County Code of Ordinances, Ordinance 13-1999, Ordinance 82-1999, and Ordinance 8-2001 that are currently in effect.

Committee members shall be appointed to serve four-year staggered terms. All terms shall commence immediately and end on June 30th of the appropriate year. Unexpired terms shall be filled for the duration of the term in the manner prescribed by the original appointment.

Any Committee member may be recommended for removal for cause by a by approval of a two-thirds majority of the Committee. The Liaison shall submit written notice of the recommendation the County Administrator within five (5) business days of the Committee’s recommendation vote. Removal will be by Council’s majority vote after written notice is given to the Committee member.

Committee members are expected to attend all meetings. Attendance shall be recorded in minutes of meetings, and names of absent members shall be noted therein. Absence of a member from three (3) consecutive Committee meetings shall be considered a voluntary resignation.

Article VI: Officers

At its first meeting following July 1 of each year, Committee members shall elect officers to serve for a one-year term. Officers to be elected shall include: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The P&R Director will designate a Liaison to act as secretary and support for the Committee.

Article VII Duties of Officers

Committee Officers shall, as a minimum, perform the following duties:

Chairperson – presides over all meetings of the Committee. When the Committee is not in session, the Chairperson represents the Committee at events, activities and functions relating to or affecting VMHG.

Vice Chairperson – performs the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

Article IX Meetings

Meetings will be held in compliance with applicable portions of Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Horry County Code of Ordinances, Ordinance 13-1999, Ordinance 82-1999, and Ordinance 8-2001 that are currently in effect.

During each calendar year, the Committee shall hold no less than four (4) regular meetings, with not less than one per quarter. The Committee will set an annual calendar of meetings in the first meeting of July, annually.

Meetings may be called in compliance with the Horry County Code of Ordinances, or in the case of agreement by both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, if in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Compliance with FOIA is required by Section 2-74(1)(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

The Liaison shall notify Committee members and the P&R Director at least (3) days in advance of each regularly scheduled meeting.

Article X Minutes

Minutes and other official records of meetings and actions shall be kept by the Liaison. Copies of minutes and other official records of all meetings, shall be forwarded to the County Administrator within thirty (30) days after each meeting.

Article XI Quorum

All meetings must have a quorum present to conduct business. A quorum is 50% of the committee's membership plus one additional Committee member.

Article XII Governance of State Statutes and County Ordinances

The Committee shall be subject to and governed by the statutes of the State of South Carolina and Horry County Code of Ordinances, and any specific Horry County Ordinance, Resolution, or other directive of County Council relating to county departments, agencies, boards and commissions and members, employees or personnel thereof.

Article XII Amendments

Amendments or changes to the VMHG Committee By-Laws shall be presented in writing to all Committee members prior to the meeting at which the Committee will vote on such amendment(s) or changes.

Amendments or changes to the VMHG Committee By-Laws shall require the approval of at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Committee membership, and are not effective until approved by Horry County Council.



VEREEN MEMORIAL HISTORICAL GARDENS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 2024

Board Meetings are typically held at 9:00am in the Conference Room of the
C.B. Berry Community Center at 2250 SC-179, Little River SC 29566.
All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Date	Time	Event
January 18, 2024	9:00 – 10:30AM	Committee Meeting – Conference Room of the CB Berry Community Center
March 15, 2024	9:30 – 10:30AM	Committee Meeting – Conference Room of the CB Berry Community Center
May 17, 2024	11:00 AM	Committee Meeting – Conference Room of the CB Berry Community Center
July 11, 2024	9:00 – 10:30AM	Committee Meeting – Conference Room of the CB Berry Community Center
September 19, 2024	9:00 – 10:30AM	Committee Meeting – Conference Room of the CB Berry Community Center
November 14, 2024	9:00 – 10:30AM	Committee Meeting – Conference Room of the CB Berry Community Center

*There are no meetings scheduled for February, April, June, August, October, and December. If needed, additional meetings can be scheduled.

**Added Workshop: February 5, 2024 at 9:30am Committee Workshop
- CB Berry Community Center, Conference Room

Info for July meeting

Reports

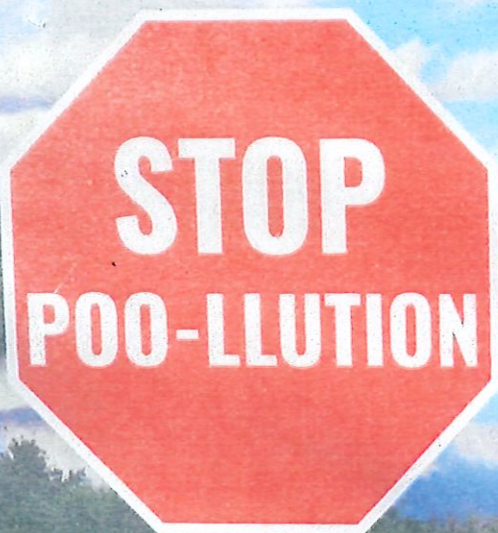
Broad Road Signs- Carol

~~Discussion~~ Discussion and updates needed:

Need for gravel piles — Staff updates
Permanent fix for washouts/gravel on road
Stop Pollution signs
Story Walk
Trash cans
Rail fence
One way arrows
Azaleas

New Business:

Election of Chairperson and Ass't



Did you know that pet waste pollutes our waterways and endangers public health?

When it rains, stormwater runoff washes bacteria and nutrients from pet waste into our waterways, causing serious water quality problems like polluted drinking water, swimming advisories, shellfish bed closures, and impaired aquatic habitat.

YOU can help stop the "POO-llution"

- 🐾 Clean up after your pets on any public property
- 🐾 Always carry a bag or pooper scooper
- 🐾 Dispose of pet waste by bagging and placing in a trash can (*never flush animal waste down the toilet*)
- 🐾 If you see pet waste on the ground, pick it up
- 🐾 Educate others on the hazards of pet waste

DO YOUR DOODY - CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS

**Not picking up after your pet on public property can result in a \$250 fine*

