

The Horry County Historic Preservation Commission met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at Horry County Government and Justice Center at 1301 2nd Avenue in Conway, SC. The following Commission members were present: Jamie Thompkins, Brenda Long, Susan Platt, Bill Strydesky and Katherine Fuller. Members absent: Joel Carter, David Stoudenmire and Gerry Wallace. Staff present: Lou Conklin, Nancy Tindall, Ashley Cowen, David Jordan, and Valeria Vargas. Visitors present: Robert Lewis and Josh Kay.

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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 2:31 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 Commission to review the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting. Katherine Fuller made a motion to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes. Bill Strydesky seconded the motion, and the vote to approve carried with Brenda Long abstaining.

- IV. **Executive Session**- Chairman Thompkins stated the Commission members were going into Executive Session to receive legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. Bill Strydesky made a motion to go into executive session at approximately 2:33 PM. Brenda Long seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. When Commission members returned, Mr. Strydesky made a motion to come out of executive session at 3:08 PM, and Brenda Long seconded. The motion to come out of executive session carried unanimously. David Jordan stated while in executive session the Commission received legal advice and no votes were taken.

Mr. Strydesky made a motion to move Section 7 first and then come back to Section 6. Brenda Long seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- VII. **New Business**
 - A. **Special Tax Assessment, Final Certification for Darden Jewelers, (Mashburn) 807 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach** – The request was to have the HPC grant final certification for Darden Jewelers for rehabilitation. Mrs. Conklin gave an overview that \$41,094 was spent within the two years of receiving preliminary certification. Mr. Thompkins pointed out the changes that were made to the recessed door set in the back. Mr. Thompkins stated the changes of the storefront were not documented on the application, and the National Park Service application stated the storefront at the rear would mimic the store front but in better condition. Robert Lewis stated the original door was flush with the outside walls and the recessed door was added later as evidenced by it being placed on the tile floor. Susan Platt made a motion to grant special tax assessment, final certification for Darden Jewelers for rehabilitation. Bill Strydesky seconded the motion, and the approval carried with Benda Long voting against.

- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. **Special Tax Assessment, Final Certification for Holiday Shores Motel, (Tawana Motel), 7501 N. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach** - Lou Conklin gave an overview for the request for the Holiday Shores Motel. \$153,775 was spent within 2 years from the hotel receiving preliminary certification. Bill Strydesky made a motion to defer the Motel section and then withdrew the motion at 3:32 PM. There was discussion with Mr.

Lewis on why the knee wall was painted white. Mr. Lewis stated he was in the hospital and was unable to supervise the remodeling. Mr. Lewis stated he is able to remove the paint from the stone wall with a natural substance. Bill Strydesky made a motion to give conditional approval for the tax credit with the condition of the removal of paint on the knee wall. David Jordan added that Mr. Lewis knows that the paint should be removed before the 2-year time limit from preliminary certification ran out. Brenda Long seconded the motion and the approval with conditions carried unanimously. At approximately 4:18 PM, Robert Lewis left.

VIII. Commission Discussion

A. Preservation Awards

Lou Conklin gave an overview of the nominations for the Historic Preservation Awards. The 2020 nominations were Christopher Boyle and Rod Gragg, and 2021 new applications were Darden Jewelers, Holiday Shores Motel, and Edwards 5 & 10. Mr. Thompkins asked who was in favor of giving an award to Robert Lewis Law Firm for historic preservation. An informal vote was taken and everyone was in favor, except Mr. Strydesky. Mrs. Conklin read the following list of recipients for awards:

Darden Jewelers/Mashburn

Christopher Boyle

Rod Gragg

Historical properties being added to the register

Law firm of Robert Lewis

IX. Announcements

A. Continuing Education

Mrs. Conklin stated three members still needed their required CEU's, and they were Gerry Wallace, David Stoudemire, and Bill Strydesky. Mr. Strydesky thought he had completed this requirement, so staff will check on it. Mrs. Conklin presented information on a virtual Main Street Conference available to satisfy the continuing education requirement, however anyone could attend the conference. Anyone interested in attending would need to apply for a scholarship, which was available through the National Park Service (NPS).

Mrs. Conklin mentioned the NPS was also offering under represented community grants to pay for surveys, research, and other resources. Applications are due March 31. Susan Platt asked staff to look at the Cochran School. Mrs. Platt was interested in working with Atlantic Beach also.

A. Next Meeting- Mrs. Conklin announced the next meeting would be April 20, 2021

X. Adjourn

Bill Strydesky made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Katherine Fuller. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42PM.