

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )**  
**COUNTY OF HORRY )**  
**Horry County Board of Architectural Review**  
**and Historical Preservation**  
**April 15, 2008**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday April 15, 2008 in multi-purpose room B of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 3101 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Conway, SC. The following board members were present: Chairman, Joel Carter, Vice-chairman, David Douglas, Tempe Oehler, Sandy Carine, William Long, Ben Burroughs, Randall Graham, Tamera Bergstrom, Elaine Gore and Bill Strydesky. The following staff members were present: Adam Emrick, Christopher Klement, Curt Freese, and Mrs. Vicki Stone. Guest present: Evelyn M. Waddell, Timothy E. Meacham, David Owen, John Dickinson, David Miller, Lois Edwards, Tawnya Gray, and Nancy Tindall.

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.

Mr. Douglas called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Mr. Long led the invocation. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Gore made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting. Mrs. Oehler asked that on the second page, second paragraph, of the March 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 minutes that South Carolina Historical Society be changed to South Carolina Hall of Fame. Mr. Strydesky asked that his name be added to the board members who were present at the March meeting. Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Douglas served as Chairman until Mr. Carter arrived and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He asked if Mr. Emrick would proceed with the public hearing. Mr. Emrick began with a brief description of each property that was being recommended to the Horry County Historic Property Register. The properties were as follows.

- a. Long Family Cemetery – Mr. Burroughs made a motion to approve the Long Family Cemetery to the Horry County Historic Property Register. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Nixon Cemetery – Mr. Burroughs made a motion to approve the Nixon Cemetery to the Register. Mrs. Gore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Thompkins Cemetery – Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the Thompkins Cemetery to the Register. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Parker Cemetery – Mrs. Carine made a motion to approve the Parker Cemetery. Mrs. Gore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Parker Cemetery - deferred.
- f. Buffkin/Turbeville Cemetery – Mr. Strydesky made a motion to approve the Buffkin/Turbeville Cemetery to the register. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- g. Buffkin/Rowe Cemetery – Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the Buffkin/Rowe Cemetery to the register. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- h. Meade Tower – Mr. Timothy Meacham with Coastal Carolina University and Mr. David Owen with the SC Forestry Commission asked the Board to consider deferring the Meade Tower at this time. The property which the Meade Tower is located is currently in negotiations to be purchased from the SC Forestry Commission by Coastal Carolina University. They asked until these negotiations were over that the Meade Tower be deferred. After some discussion between the Board and guest, Mrs. Gore made a motion to defer the Meade Tower. Mr. Strydesky seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mr. Burroughs abstained from the motion.
- i. Watts Home – Mr. Burroughs said he felt the Watts home was not enough of a significant example of the craftsman style home to make it eligible to be placed on the register. The Board members discussed several aspects of the home, including property tax initiatives, architectural criteria and their role in determining criteria. Mr. Strydesky made a motion to defer the Watts home. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mrs. Carine and Mr. Douglas voted against the motion.
- j. McNeill Farm – Mrs. Gore made a motion to approve the McNeil Farm. Mrs. Oehler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- k. Aynor Lookout Tower – Mr. Owens of the SC Forestry Commission asked that the Aynor Lookout Tower not be placed on the Local Historic Register. He mentioned that again due to a limited budget maintenance was an issue and they were concerned with liability issues. The Board members asked questions concerning other towers the state owned and as far as they could tell, placing the Tower on the Historic Register would not place any more of a liability on the state than was already there. Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the Aynor Lookout Tower. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- l. Bunker Hill Cemetery – Mrs. Carine made a motion to approve the Bunker Hill Cemetery. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- m. State Branch Cemetery – Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the State Branch Cemetery. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- n. Gowens - Cochran Cemetery – Mr. Emrick mentioned that this cemetery was located next to an industrial park and there were some suspicion that there were actually more graves than the four headstones, but they had no record and no way of tracking if there were more. The Board members were concerned that this could happen to other cemeteries. Mr. Burroughs made a motion to approve the cemetery. Mrs. Gore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Parker Cemetery (Deferred)** – Mr. David Miller an attorney with Bellamy Law was representing the Holiday Family. The family was concerned with several aspects of being placed on the Historic Register, such as the potential for public access, present and future and the exact perimeters of the property being designated. Mr. Emrick explained how the Board was looking at the perimeter at present. Mr. Miller explained what was state regulated as far as public access was concerned. After some discussion the Board decided to form a subcommittee with Mr. Burroughs, Mrs. Carine, Mr. Carter, Mr. Emrick and Mr. Miller to serve on the committee to help form some written bylaws for the Board to add to the ordinance.

**Live Oak Trees** – Lois Edwards with the South Carolina Forestry Commission introduced herself and mentioned that she had been notified of the trimming of the oak trees on Hwy. 905. She mentioned that she had seen the damaged trees and that it would affect the health of the trees which will actually be liability in the future. She suggested that a certified arborist be with the state when they do any future trimming and suggested that they go back to the trees they had already trimmed with a certified arborist to properly trim them. She said there had been studies that trees that had been properly maintained withstood hurricane force winds much better than trees that had not. It would be in the states and counties interest to obtain a certified arborist. She mentioned that there were grants to help with staffing available. The Board members asked what the next step would be and Mr. Emrick made a few suggestions. The Board discussed the idea and Mr. Carter made a motion for Mr. Freese and Mr. Emrick to modify the zoning ordinance to include a certified arborist to work in conjunction with the Department of Transportation and in the future live oak certification. Mr. Burroughs seconded the motion. Ms. Edwards said she would be willing to write a letter to whomever for endorsement, which was requested by Mr. Emrick.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Horry County Register of Historic Places- Status Update** – Mr. Emrick announced that twenty properties have been through second reading with Council and will receive their third reading on April 22, 2008.

**Newly Inventoried Properties** – Mr. Emrick presented one new Inventoried property for the next Public Hearing. Mr. Emrick gave a brief description of the property.

- i. Baptist Colored Church Cemetery

**Countywide Historic Survey** – Mr. Emrick said he has not heard anything back from the survey so he has no news as of yet. He is hoping to have something available to report during Councils for the presentation of plaques at the next meeting.

**Galivants Ferry District** – Mr. Emrick said after meeting with the Holiday family and their attorney Mr. Miller, he felt they would get a Historic District, but that it would be watered down. He said they could work on making the district better later on.

**Green Sea District** – Mr. Emrick said they would put that on hold until they get something started with the Galivants Ferry area.

**Preservation Month Awards** – The Board discussed candidates for Historic Awards to be presented in May. After much discussion by the Board, Mr. Burroughs made a motion to accept the following people for recognition. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Strydesky recused himself from the vote.

- Mary Alice Thompson for her work on the Parker Cemetery in the Causey Area
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans and its members Ken Thrasher, Ed Thompson, & Edward Altman for their diligent efforts with cemetery inventory
- WPDE – Autumn Perry and Joel Allen for their work in helping document and reporting Preservation Efforts in Horry County

- The High Hill Baptist Church and its congregation for nomination to the Register, and special recognition to its member Thedus Mayo
- Bill Strydesky for his work in restoring/renovation the Conway Hardware Building
- Margaret Sheler for her work on the Cedar Bay Baptist Church in the Conway area

**Washington's Tour Marker** – Mr. Emrick mentioned that he applied with DOT to place the marker and is waiting on approval. Hopefully it will be approved for May. Mrs. Oehler asked that Mr. Wayne Vereen be notified when the dedication will be.

**Cemetery Project Grant** – Mr. Emrick mentioned that at the last meeting he was interested in applying for a grant, but has changed which grant he is going after. He is applying for a grant with Preserve America for technological equipment as well as off-setting salary. It's a matching grant that the County can actually use County labor as part of the match. He would like to obtain a handheld GIS tool for using in the field for downloading all information directly into the system. It would save him and staff an enormous amount of time. To justify the grant we will need to work with the public schools. Mr. Emrick said he would like to involve the schools with the inventorying of cemeteries, with the genealogy and how that ties into the history of the county. Mr. Emrick wanted to let the Board know that he was working on this grant and it is due at the end of June.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Public access** – Mr. Emrick asked staff to review and vote on the language of the public access that he wanted to add to the Boards ordinance. Mrs. Gore made a motion to accept the public access language to the ordinance. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSSINESS**

**Historic Schools** – Mrs. Carine mentioned an Open House at the Historic Mill Swamp School on May 4, 11, and 18 of 2008. She also wanted approval of a handout that she would be giving out to the children at the same time with an endorsement on the handout from the B.A. R. The Board made some suggestions and then made a motion to approve the handout. The motion carried unanimously.

**B.A.R publicity** – Mrs. Oehler made a report on recent publicity that the Board was receiving.

**C.B. Berry Building** – Mr. Emrick reported on the new C.B. Berry building and its relation to the B.A.R.

**Watts Home** – Mr. Strydesky asked that the Watts Home be placed on the next agenda.

With no more business Mr. Long made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

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Joel Carter, Chairman

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David Douglas

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Tempe Oehler

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William "Bill" Long

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Austin Randall Graham

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Sandra Carine

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Ben Burroughs

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Tamera Bergstrom

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Elaine Gore

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Bill Strydesky

**ATTEST:**

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Adam Emrick, Senior Planner