

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF HORRY )

**Horry County Board of Architectural Review  
and Historical Preservation  
November 17, 2015**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, in Multi-Purpose Room C/E of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Conway, SC. The following Board members were present: Sam Dusenbury, Jody Nyers, James Thompkins, Joel Carter, Christy Douglas, and David Mannen. Staff present: Mary Catherine Hyman and Haley Ammons.

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. In accordance to the Horry County Ordinance a minimum of a twenty-one day notice was given.

- I. Chairman James Thompkins called the meeting to order at approximately 2:45 PM.
- II. **Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2015** - Jody Nyers made a motion to approve the minutes and Sam Dusenbury seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Certificates of Appropriateness - None.**

**Public Hearings –**

The board agreed to review the following cemeteries out of order because there were people present to speak on behalf of a few cemeteries:

**K. Green Sea Cemetery**-Mary Catherine Hyman gave an overview of the cemetery. Jody Nyers made a motion to approve the cemetery and Joel Carter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**N. Montgomery Cemetery** Mary Catherine Hyman gave an overview of the cemetery. Frosty Nurin was present, and stated there are many unmarked graves in this cemetery as well. Jody Nyers stated that the county has a ground penetrating machine that can be used to search for unmarked graves. Jody Nyers made a motion to approve the cemetery and David Mannen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**S. Ray Cemetery** Mary Catherine Hyman gave an overview of the cemetery. Nancy Inserra was present, and stated that although the parcel is owned by Blackwater LLC, the cemetery is maintained by the Ray family. Sam Dusenbury made a motion to defer the cemetery until staff can do research about the Ray family and who owns the rights to the cemetery. Christy Douglas seconded. The motion to defer carried unanimously.

**T. Spring Branch Baptist Church Cemetery** Mary Catherine Hyman gave an overview of the cemetery. Mary Alice Thompson stated that she has records of all the graves. Joel Carter made a motion to approve the cemetery and Jody Nyers seconded. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

**V. Union United Methodist Church Cemetery** Sam Dusenbury gave an overview of the cemetery and provided some updated information about the oldest grave being 1856 Mr. A.M Dusenbury. Jody Nyers made a motion to approve the cemetery, and Christy Douglas seconded. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

Jamie Thompkins gave an overview of the remaining cemeteries on the list.

- A. Anderson #1 Cemetery**
- B. Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery**
- C. Antioch United Methodist Church Cemetery**
- D. Berea Baptist Church Cemetery**
- E. Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery**
- F. Calvary Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery**
- G. Campground Cemetery (Willow Springs)**
- H. Cane Branch Baptist Church Cemetery**
- I. Evergreen Original Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery**
- J. Freeworship Church Cemetery**
- L. Hammond #2 Cemetery**
- M. Hooks Cemetery**
- O. Mount Pelli Cemetery**
- P. Mount Trolley Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery**
- Q. Old Gerrald Cemetery**
- R. Old State Cemetery (Small)**
- U. Stevens Cemetery**
- V. Union United Methodist Church Cemetery**
- W. Williamson Cemetery**
- X. Zoan Cemetery**

Mary Catherine Hyman is going to contact the Confederate Sons of Veterans to obtain their record of Confederate soldiers in Horry County cemeteries. Due to letters being returned because of an insufficient address, Joel Carter made a motion to defer Mount Pelli Cemetery and Williamson Cemetery and Jody Nyers seconded. The motion to defer was carried unanimously. With the remaining cemeteries on the list, Sam Dusenbury made a motion to approve and Joel Carter seconded. The motion to approve the remaining cemeteries carried unanimously.

#### **Special Tax Assessment Application – None**

#### **IV. Old Business.**

- A. The Patriot Tree Project.** - Mary Catherine Hyman stated that there are no scheduled dedications at this time, but she is working with the Loris Garden Club and Myrtle Beach Garden Club to schedule two dedications in the spring.
- B. Legacy Business Recognition Program.** - Mary Catherine Hyman gave a brief overview of the dedication at Peaches Corner on October 23rd. The Sun News and the Horry Independent published articles on the event. The next dedication will be held at Donzelle's Restaurant at 10:00 a.m., and then Hucks and Washington at 10:45 a.m. on December 2, 2015. The board mentioned that since many of the Legacy Business Recognitions are held at places that serve food, that the BAR should only provide a ribbon cutting and floral arrangement. Sam Dusenbury made a motion to do away with

providing food at the Legacy Business Recognition Projects, and Christy Douglas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Cemetery Project.** - Mary Catherine Hyman gave a brief overview, and there had been two cemeteries inventoried since the last meeting. Currently, 243 cemeteries have been inventoried, and 191 are on the County's historic register.

**V. New Business.**

- A. Out Reach** - Mary Catherine Hyman explained that she was interviewed for a segment on the SC Century Farm program on November 16th. The show will air in December on HTC.
- B. Newly Inventoried Properties** – Mary Catherine Hyman gave an overview and stated they have inventoried 2 new cemeteries:
  - i. Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church Cemetery**
  - ii. Mt. Olive Baptist Church Cemetery**

**Board Discussion-None**

**Next Meeting** will be January 19, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

**Adjourn** – Jody Nyers made a motion to adjourn and Joel Carter seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.