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Minutes

January 26, 2009
4:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Members present:

Gary Atkinson, Becky Bailey, Stuart Hope, Carol Kososki, Maxey Love, Marcia Lucius, Virginia Sanders

Members absent: Sam Holland, Frank Houston, Mildred Myers, Glenice Pearson

Others Present:

Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager

Jennie Sherry-Linder, Richland County Planning Dept.

Ken Driggers, Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation

Hugh Caldwell, Richland SWCD.

Chair Maxey Love called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM without a quorum. A quorum was attained at 4:10 PM.

Jennie Sherry-Linder, Richland County Planning Dept. and Jessica Artz, Gills Creek Watershed Program Coordinator were introduced and welcomed to the RCCC meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of November 17, 2008 were approved.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Executive Committee Report: A teleconference was held on January 14th. Items discussed were: Three new County Council Members for 2009, Gwendolyn Kennedy Council District 7, Jim Manning- Council District 8, and Howard Washington – Council District 10. Other items discussed were Gills Creek and our website update. Most items are on today's agenda.

Committee Reports:

Conservation Committee: Carol Kososki, Chair

Grant announcements are out and applications are due March 6th. 08 grants have been awarded. Financial – no activities to date since Nov. meeting - \$123,000 prior year obligations, paid to date \$64,000 leaving \$59,000 for prior year plus \$80,000 for fy-09 for a committee total of

\$139,000. For conservation easements, \$175,000 out of which \$45,514 has been paid out leaving \$129,486. Copy of report attached to file minutes.

Gills Creek public hearing on Stormwater Revisions has been postponed until Feb 24th.

Historical Committee: Nancy Stone-Collum for Frank Houston, Chair

Grant applications due in March 6th. Nancy reported on Cultural Heritage Inventory Management System and Dynamic Website Directory, total cost depending on expenses may range from \$14,389.76 to \$16,539.76. We now have sixteen existing grants. 701 video aired on Jan 15th, planning a community later this spring.

2009 Landmark and Preservation Conference is March 26-27 in Columbia. Early registration - \$100 plus tours. RCCC will pay registration to attend. A Lecture Series Documenting African-American History in the Palmetto State begins Jan 27 through March 10. Cost - \$45.00

Copy of report is attached to file minutes

Publicity Committee: Sam Holland, Chair

No additional activities this month,

Finance Committee: Stuart Hope, Chair.

Financial report was distributed. Copy of report is attached to file minutes.

Program Manager's Report: Jim Wilson

Two easements will be presented to County Council to Development & Services Committee tomorrow evening. (Clark and Pearson). Five new applications may be executed this spring or by end of 2009. Other items Jim discussed included meeting with individual council districts, mitigation funding, joint meeting with Richland Conservation District on Feb 9th, developing baseline data on easements in February, Richland County Comprehensive Plan will be discussed at public meetings, it is also available on county website, distributed an events calendar (copy attached to file minutes). The Executive Board will develop a budget for FY-10 and bring to Feb 23rd meeting in lieu of having a separate retreat meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2009 – Maxey Love and Stuart Hope expressed their desire to retire from the RCCC. Maxey Love, along with Becky Bailey, are the only original Board Members left. The resignations of Maxey Love and Stuart Hope were accepted with thanks and appreciation for their dedication over the years.

Officers nominated for 2009 were as follows:

Chair	-	Carol Kososki
Vice Chair	-	Gary Atkinson
Vice Chair	-	Frank Houston
Finance Chair	-	Virginia Sanders

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to close nominations and to elect the slate by acclamation as presented.

Public Input:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM

Next Meeting

February 23, 2009 – 4:00 PM – 3rd floor, Richland County Administration Building

Submitted by:
Hugh Caldwell
Staff Support