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Minutes

July 27, 2009

4:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Members present:

Gary Atkinson, Becky Bailey, John Grego, Carol Kososki, Jim Lawracy, Marcia Lucius, Mildred Myers, Glenice Pearson, Virginia Sanders

Members absent: Sam Holland, Frank Houston

Others Present:

Hugh Caldwell, Richland SWCD
Ken Driggers, Ken Driggers, LLC
Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation
Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager

Chair Carol Kososki called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with a quorum present.

Minutes: The minutes of June 22, 2009 were approved.

Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Conservation Committee: Gary Atkinson, Chair:

Mr. Atkinson stated that he would be attending the Richland County Roundtable tomorrow at Cook's Mountain, Eastover, SC. Carol Kososki, John Grego, Jim Wilson, and Hugh Caldwell will also attend. This is the second complete Roundtable Committee meeting working on suggested revisions for Richland County's Land Development Codes. The four sub-committees of the Roundtable are: Site Planning and Lot Design, Stormwater, Streets and Parking Lots, and Natural Resources. The Roundtable recommendations will go to County Council this fall. The public will be given opportunities to hear the recommendations before County Council's final reading.

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

Nancy discussed St. Phillip School, an old African American schoolhouse of historical value sitting on an acre of land that the owner may be willing to put under a conservation easement. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for Nancy Stone-Collum to enter into preliminary negotiations with the owner regarding the easement to be confined to one acre of land and the building.

The Barber House is planning a reception for the RCCC and other groups sometime this summer. The date will be sent out as received.

We are about ready to finalize the inventory (historic database website) we've been working on and schedule the launch of that website.

The Cultural & Historical Management Plan is drafted and has been sent to Richland County Planning Dept. for review and will be ready for release soon.

The Historic Committee will be meeting in August to discuss how to proceed with a better inventory of cemeteries. Richland County GIS Dept. has produced a map with locations of many known cemeteries taken from an inventory prepared by Vernon Kirkpatrick. These may be only 30% to 40% of existing cemeteries. The Historic Committee will work with Richland County GIS to add all the data we have from Mr. Kirkpatrick's work with locations on the base map.

Publicity Committee: Becky Bailey for Sam Holland, Chair:

The committee continues to work on the website and PSA's to get our message out to the public. We are also talking about internet advertising. A suggestion was made to link our past videos to U-Tube.

Our joint Conservation Conference is coming up Nov. 1st. It is a faith-based stewardship conference sponsored by RCCC and Richland SWCD and will be held at the Zoo.

Finance Committee: Virginia Sanders, Chair.

The staff recommendation for the budget for FY-10 totaling \$867,000 was approved. (A copy is attached to file minutes)

Program Manager's Report: Jim Wilson:

Columbia Green conference is Tuesday, September 1st. Cost is \$50 each. Becky Bailey, Carol Kososki, and Jim Wilson are planning to attend.

On August 18th at 10:00 AM there will be a press conference on a Green Exhibit display on the first floor of the Richland County Administration Building.

The rollover from last year's budget of projects that weren't completed has been requested, approximately \$350,000.

The Greenway presentation to County Council is scheduled for September 22nd.

The cut-off date for accepting requests for easements for 2009 is August 15th. We still have three pending for 2009. A final vote on these three will be taken at our August meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The joint meeting of the RCCC and Richland SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) will be Monday, August 10th at 5:30 PM at Lizard's Thicket.

A discussion was held regarding the time frame of our meeting. By our Rule of Procedures we meet for 1.5 hours and may extend the time only by majority vote. Extending the time sometimes causes concerns since members plan other meetings around the 5:30 PM adjournment time. In an effort to relieve some of the concerns each agenda will be reviewed and an effort made to have all items requiring a vote scheduled in the earlier portion of the agenda.

Public Input:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Next Meeting

August 24, 2009 – 4:00 PM.

Submitted by:
Hugh Caldwell
Staff Support