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Minutes

January 23, 2006
4:00 P.M.

Richland County Administration Building
4th Floor Administrative Conference Room

Attendance

Seven members were present:

Becky Bailey, Margaret DuBard, Preston Holston, Stuart Hope, Frank Houston, Mildred Myers and Virginia Sanders.

One member was absent:

Maxey Love

Others Present:

Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager; Ken Driggers & Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; Michael Criss, & John Newman, Richland County Planning & Development; Ann Jennings, Congaree Land Trust and David Whiteman, University of South Carolina

Call to Order

Becky Bailey, Chair, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum available to conduct business at 4:04 P.M. Jim Wilson, Environmental Program Manager working with the Conservation Commission, was recognized as attending his first meeting in his new position. It was also noted that Ken Simmons has resigned. This leaves three vacancies: District 1, Doris Corley; District 3, Damon Jeter; and District 8, Mike Montgomery.

Minutes

Minutes from November 28, 2005, were approved as presented.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda by adding Historic Land Marks Criteria to item #6. Agenda was approved as amended.

Attendance Record

The commission member attendance record for commission meetings for 2005 was distributed. Eight meetings were held during 2005. A copy is filed with the official minutes.

FY-06 Budget Update

The budget spreadsheet was distributed with FY-06 expenditures totaling \$79,106.81 leaving a balance of \$546,711.19. A copy is filed with the official minutes.

Commission Officer Election

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation.

Chair –	Becky Bailey
Vice Chairs –	Preston Holston, Frank Houston
Finance Chair-	Stuart Hope

Preston Holston will serve as Chair of the Conservation Committee. Frank Houston will serve as Chair of the Historic Committee. Committee members are as follows:

Conservation Committee –	Preston Holston, Chair Maxey Love Mildred Myers Virginia Sanders
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Historic Committee -	Frank Houston, Chair Becky Bailey Margaret DuBard Stuart Hope
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2006 Work Plan

Jim Wilson discussed a draft work plan for 2006 as a guide for the Conservation Commission. The work plan was approved unanimously. A copy is filed with the official minutes.

Jim mentioned that he had met with Buddy Baker with DNR regarding their role of acquiring conservation easements. Jim will invite Buddy to our February meeting to discuss DNR's program.

Randolph Cemetery:

A request has been made as to the use of the Commission's \$15,000 approved grant. These funds will be dispersed upon receipt of requested information. Frank Houston explained that it is proposed that the funds will be used to complete Phase 1, Part A, and as a 50% match grant with SC Dept. of Archives. Phase 1 Part A is clearing property of trees, underbrush and major debris. A copy of Mr. Houston's report is filed with the official minutes.

Palmetto Conservation Foundation Report

Nancy Stone-Collum discussed the draft Richland County Conservation Commission Historic Preservation Grant Program and the Richland County Landmarks Criteria. After discussion a motion to approve the draft program and landmark Criteria was made, seconded and approved unanimously. The Commission set a \$50,000 limit for grants for the first grant period which ends April 15, 2006. Copies of both documents are filed with the official minutes.

New Business

Hugh distributed brochures of the Low Impact Development (LID) Workshop for March 13-14, 2006. A copy is filed with official minutes. Any of the commission members interested in attending were asked to complete the registration form and get to Hugh by January 30th. Registration fee will be paid by the Conservation Commission.

John Newman also discussed the SCAPA Conference for Feb 10, 2006, at Saluda Shoals. Any commission member interested in attending should complete registration form and submit to Hugh by Jan 30th. Registration fee will be paid by the Conservation Commission.

The SC Archives & History Annual Conference will be March 28th.

Public Input

None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Next Meeting

Monday February 27, 2006 at 4:00 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell
Staff Support