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Minutes

February 26, 2007
4:00 P.M.

Richland County Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendance

Six members were present:

Gary Atkinson, Becky Bailey, Sam Holland, Frank Houston, Carol Kososki, and Maxey Love.

Three members were absent:

Stuart Hope, Mildred Myers and Virginia Sanders.

Council District's 2 & 4 - Vacant

Others Present:

Val Hutchinson, County Council District 9; Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager; Michael Criss, Richland County Planning & Development; Ken Driggers and Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; Hugh Caldwell, Richland SWCD.

Chair Maxey Love opened the meeting at 4:00 PM without a quorum present. Virginia Sanders is in the hospital. Stuart Hope is out of town.

Maxey Love introduced Council Woman Val Hutchinson, who discussed concerns on protection of open space use in Richland County, i.e.: golf courses, parks, recreational areas, etc. An open space ordinance could provide open space protection.

A quorum was obtained at 4:12 PM

The Chair called the business session to order at 4:30 PM with a quorum present.

Minutes: The minutes of January 22, 2007 were approved.

Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the RCCC supports an open space ordinance.

Committee Assignments for 2007:

Historical Preservation - Frank Houston, Chair
Becky Bailey
Stuart Hope
Sam Holland

Conservation Lands - Carol Kososki, Chair
Gary Atkins
Mildred Myers
Virginia Sanders

Publicity - Becky Bailey, Chair
Sam Holland

Committee Reports: Conservation Committee – Carol Kososki, Chair

Mrs. Kososki reported that the Community grants have been issued and the recipients notified. Several are already working and moving forward on their projects.

The next meeting date for the Conservation Committee will be set and members notified.

Historical Committee - Frank Houston, Chair

Mr. Houston presented the following committee recommendations for approval.

- Have only one grant cycle per year – April 15th deadline date
- Request \$200,000 for spring of 2007 grant period
- Make planning (start-up) grants of \$2,500 available one per quarter
- Increase maximum per grant to \$50,000
- 701 Whaley Project to be given at \$50,000 through the grants program per year for 4 years barring unforeseen circumstances (\$200,000 already approved – This sets payments over 4 years)
- Award \$4,125 grant for Historic marker in front of Catherine Bruce’s home in Waverly Community and for production of brochures for the Historic Waverly District. (Visanska-Starks Carriage House requested \$25,000 last fall grant period)

Committee recommendations were approved.

Publicity Committee – Becky Bailey, Chair

The committee met with Stephany Snowden, Richland County Public Affairs, and discussed the video they would like to produce for the RCCC. It would include footage of projects we work on describing the Commission mission and perhaps interviews with grantors. It would have many uses including Richland Alive, web cast, presentations to groups, etc. It would be 8 to 10 minutes long and professionally done. The committee requested an additional \$5,000 for the video which

would increase the total amount budgeted to the video to \$10, 000. The publicity budget will remain at \$15,000. The publicity budget and video budget are separate items.

Committee recommendations were approved.

Program Manager's Report: Items discussed were:

- Plan of Work - noted that we will meet this year in July (July 23rd) and the May meeting is changed to May 21st due to Memorial Day being on our regular meeting date.
- Business cards - Jim asked if members would like RCCC business cards. The response was that they would be helpful. Jim will provide cards for all members.
- Hosting a county wide Conservation Conference in fall
- March newsletter
- Constructed Wetlands group meeting this Thursday
- Stuart Hope offered a tour of the 710 Whaley project – discuss next month
- Conservation Easement workshop at Forestry Commission this Wednesday afternoon as well as Gills Creek Watershed Committee meeting.

Council District 7 Public Meeting: No date set at this time.

New Business: Chair Maxey Love presented Becky Bailey, Past Chair, a certificate of Appreciation for her service as RCCC Chair.

Maxey Love has emailed and sent a letter to both Council members with vacant positions encouraging them to appoint a representative. So far he hasn't had any response.

An RCCC retreat will be set up for April 23rd at Sandhill, 12 PM to 5 PM. Agenda will be firmed up later.

Maxey Love asked if the Rules of Procedure changes were approved by the County Legal Office. Hugh will follow-up.

There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Upcoming Dates

- February 28th - Conservation Easement Forum-Harbison
- March 14 – Executive Committee/Staff
- March 15-16 – Historic Conference – Beaufort, SC
- March 26th – RCCC Meeting
- March 28th - Neighborhood Community Conference- Tech Center

Next Meeting

Monday, March 26, 2007, at 4:00 PM in the conference on the third floor of Richland County Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell
Staff Support