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Minutes

September 28, 2009

4:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Members present:

Gary Atkinson, John Grego, Frank Houston, Carol Kososki, Jim Lawracy, Marcia Lucius, Mildred Myers

Members absent: Becky Bailey, Sam Holland, Glenice Pearson, Virginia Sanders

Others Present:

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

Chair Carol Kososki called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM with out a quorum present.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by RCCC to Betty Etheredge for her excellent work in developing posters for the County's Green Display in the Atrium on the first floor of the Richland County Administration Building. After the presentation, those present toured the Green Display.

Minutes: The minutes of July 27, 2009 were approved.

Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Conservation Committee: Gary Atkinson, Chair:

The Stormwater Roundtable, led by the Center of Watershed Protection, has completed their process and reached consensus on all of the twenty-two principles for development. Several of the RCCC members served on the Roundtable. The Roundtable recommendations will be presented to the Planning Commission and County Council in October. A series of public meeting are planned.

Three potential easements were presented for consideration; a 200 acre tract, a 5 acre tract, and an 8 acre tract. All will be donations only, no compensation will be involved. By unanimous vote

approval was given for staff to move forward with the evaluation of each tract for a conservation easement donation. The evaluations will be presented at the October meeting.

Gary Atkinson, a landowner in the approved Pebble Creek Watershed Conservation Easement project area, officially signed the first conservation easement in the project area.

Historic Committee: Frank Houston, Chair

Nancy gave a preview of the new website for **Richland County SC Historic Buildings and Sites**. She will email everyone the website address for your review and comments.

Nancy gave an update progress report on several grants. We have received an invitation to visit the Barber House. We will hold our October meeting at the Barber House.

Publicity Committee: No report

Finance Committee: No report

Program Manager's Report: Jim Wilson:

A Greenways Conference in Lexington will be October 22nd at Lexington town Hall.

The Caring for Creation Conference will be November 1st at Riverbanks Zoo.

The Historic Preservation 101 Conference in Columbia on Nov 3rd.

The Conservation Committee and Historic Committee will meet next month to develop criteria and procedures for announcing the next cycle of grants.

Other Business:

Treasured Tree Program – This program seeks to document and preserve trees that have a significant value (historical, aesthetic, sentimental, etc). Nominations are due October 26th.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to extend the meeting for ten minutes.

Frank Houston and his wife Millie Houston, of Houston's Enterprise Catering Service, were recently recognized by the Greater Columbia Restaurant Association as its 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award. They were inducted into the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame at a Columbia Benefit Dinner on September 21, 2009. A scholarship will be given in their Honor to a student of The University of South Carolina, School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism.

The Palmetto Conservation Foundation will have an Open House celebration at their new location at 722 King Street at 5 PM on Wednesday, September 30th. All RCCC members are invited.

Nancy presented a note of thanks from Richard Burts for the RCCC's assistance at 701 Whaley.

A Smart Growth and Sustainable Site Design Conference will be held on October 20th & 21st at the Northeast Campus of Midlands Tech. The Sustainable Midlands Organization has asked the RCCC to be a participant in the organization for a contribution of \$100. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to send the \$100 as a participating organization.

Carol Kososki reminded everyone about the Gills Creek Watershed Association, distributed brochures and a flyer of the first GCWA fund raiser on October 11th beginning at 3 PM and ending at Mrs. Carol's home for refreshments.

Public Input:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM

Next Meeting

October 26, 2009 – at the Barber House 4:00 PM.

Submitted by:
Hugh Caldwell
Staff Support