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Minutes

February 23, 2009
4:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Members present:

Gary Atkinson, Sam Holland, Frank Houston, Carol Kososki, Jim Lawracy, Marcia Lucius

Members absent: Becky Bailey, Mildred Myers, Glenice Pearson, Virginia Sanders

Others Present:

Kelvin Washington, County Council – District 10

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 Carol Kososki called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM without a quorum. A quorum was attained at 4:20 PM.

Minutes: The minutes of January 26, 2009 were approved.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended.

Executive Committee Report: Items discussed are on agenda.

Chair Carol Kososki introduced Jim Lawracy as our newest Commission Member appointed By Council Member Val Hutchinson representing Council District 9. Mr. Lawracy briefly introduced himself. He is a Landscape Architect by training, graduated from the University of Georgia, employed by City of Columbia for 17 years and implemented the first Green Tree Reservoir in the Midlands near Owens Field, and served on the Richland County Appearance Commission.

Committee Reports:

Conservation Committee: Carol Kososki, Chair:

Gary Atkinson will represent RCCC at March 5th Roundtable.

Historical Committee: Frank Houston, Chair:

The Website project of Cultural Heritage and Inventory Management System is underway. The cost range will be in the \$14,000 - \$15,000 range. Landmark and Preservation Conference is March 26-27, 2009, which he hopes to attend. The Historic Grant program ends March 6th. He was able to spend some time at the Barber House this weekend and was pleased at how they have used our funds. Frank distributed the Lower Richland Heritage Calendar for 2009. A walking tour of the Barber House and/or other funded projects was suggested for the Commission members.

Publicity Committee: Sam Holland, Chair:

The Committee is interested in promoting grants program and projects funded through the news media and promoting the inventory project and updating the videos on the website.

Finance Committee: Stuart Hope, Chair.

Financial report was distributed including a spreadsheet on FY-09 funds only, the Conservation Committee's budget report showing a total of \$69,000 paid to date for previous years and \$45,514 paid for easements in FY-09, and the Historic budget showing two items paid this month totaling \$21,783.57. Copy of report is attached to file minutes.

FY-10 Proposed Budget – The proposed budget was approved for a total of \$643,500. This proposed budget will be presented to the county by March 15th and we will meet with council in April on the budget.

Program Manager's Report: Jim Wilson reporting:

Public Hearing on Stormwater revisions will be tomorrow night (Feb 24th) at 7 PM.

New Application request for conservation easements, Pebble Creek in Pet Site Rd area in Gary Atkinson's District, 25 acres more or less private land donation. This application meets the RCCC criteria. A second request is Delk Property off Caughman Road near Lower Richland High School which also meets the RCCC criteria. An aerial photo of each was distributed and a copy is attached to file minutes. Both are land donations only. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Jim Wilson and Ken Driggers to move forward on these properties.

Joint meeting with the Richland SWCD and RCCC was held on Feb 9th. There are four projects the joint committees are working on: Conservation Signs, Land Development Codes, Gills Creek Watershed, and Conservation Conference. The committees are moving forward with these projects.

Grants deadline for applications is March 6th for Conservation Community and Historic Grants. The committees need to meet the week following March 6th to select recipients to take to council by March 15th.

The Mitigation Banking project on streams and wetlands which was presented at the County Council retreat did make County Administrator's top 10 list.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Input:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM

Next Meeting

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

Submitted by:

Hugh Caldwell

Staff Support