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Minutes March 24, 2014

Attendance:

Members present: Carol Kososki, John Grego, Glenice Pearson, Sam Holland, Ann Furr, Margaret DuBard, Jim Thomas, Virginia Sanders, and Becky Bailey

Absent: Gary Atkinson

Others present:

James B. Atkins (Buddy), Conservation Department
Nancy Stone-Collum, Conservation Department
Charlie Fisher, Conservation Department
Ken Driggers, Contract Legal Counsel

Chair Carol Kososki called the meeting to order at 4:05pm with a quorum present. Mr. Jim Thomas, newly appointed Commission member from District 9 was introduced.

Minutes: A motion was made by John Grego and seconded by Glenice Pearson to approve the minutes of February 24, 2014 as written. Motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda: Margaret DuBard made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Glenice Pearson. Motion was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

Nancy presented the slate of officers: Chair, Carol Kososki; Treasurer, Virginia Sanders; Vice Chair for the Historic Committee, Glenice Pearson; Vice Chair for the Conservation Committee, John Grego. The floor was opened for further nominations. With none offered, Becky Bailey moved, seconded by Ann Furr, to elect the slate of candidates as presented by acclamation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Virginia referred everyone to the budget report reflecting the encumbered funds for a new vehicle. The Fuss & O'Neill encumbrance of \$40,000 is for the Owens Field Park trail and will be spent after the \$50,000 from the Planning and Developmental Services Department has been expended.

Conservation Committee Report

Conservation Survey

Carol and Bob Oldendick from the USC Survey Research Lab, presented the results from the conservation opinion survey to County Council on March 18. Public opinion indicated a high level of support and willingness to invest in conservation efforts. Several questions were asked and Councilwoman Dickerson asked for the survey questions which were supplied to the Clerk of Council for distribution the following day.

Conservation Grants

John reported only three conservation grants were received for a total request of \$48,000. Concern about the paucity of applications led John to inquire of several previous grantees who replied the timing was just not right this year. An increase in outreach to conservation groups and announcements in Council District meetings before the next grant cycle may ensure a better response. John moved to approve the grant recommendations listed on the handout for a total of \$48,000. Margaret seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Historic Committee Report

Historic Building Eligibility

RCCC received an application for Historic Building eligibility from the landowner of 1170 Olympia Avenue. The house was built in 1901 and used as a school from 1901-1909 as the first school for Olympia and Granby mill village children. The Historic Committee approved the application at its meeting on March 17. A community group is working to purchase the building to make it into a museum. Becky moved and Margaret seconded the motion to designate the building as historic, which was approved unanimously.

Historic Preservation Grants

Thirteen historic grant applications were received requesting \$410,870 in funding. Ann made a motion to approve the Historic Committee's recommendation awarding \$200,185 to eleven projects as shown on the handout. Sam seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Conservation Director's Report

Buddy reported County Council adopted the Spring Hill and Lower Richland Master Plans.

Nancy requested a headcount of attendees for the April 22nd Historic Preservation Conference at the Archives Center. Five members will attend.

Glenice reported on a program she and Nancy attended at Good Hope Baptist Church in Lower Richland on March 15. Joe McGill of the slave dwelling project spent the night in the Laurelwood cabin with several students. Other local historians provided valuable information about the church, Laurelwood, and the Wateree River vicinity.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Submitted by Charlie Fisher, Administrative Assistant