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Minutes

January 22, 2007
4:00 P.M.

Richland County Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendance

Six members were present:

Becky Bailey, Sam Holland, Stuart Hope, Carol Kososki, Maxey Love and Mildred Myers.

Four members were absent:

Gary Atkinson, Margaret DuBard, Frank Houston, and Virginia Sanders.

Others Present:

Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager; Michael Criss, Richland County Planning & Development, Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; Hugh Caldwell, Richland SWCD.

Chair Becky Bailey opened the meeting at 4:00 PM with a quorum present. Gary Atkins is out of town and expressed that he could call in if a telephone connection was available, Margaret DuBard would have attended if needed for a quorum (she is sending a letter of resignation), Frank Houston is on Jury Duty, and Virginia Sanders is sick. Council District 4 is vacant.

Minutes: The minutes of November 27, 2006, and were approved.

Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes.

Election of Officers: Becky Bailey, Chair, announced that we need to elect a Chair, two Vice Chairs and a Finance Chair. New officers will begin serving immediately after elected. Maxey Love and Stuart Hope were nominated as Chair. A motion was made seconded to close the nominations. Maxey Love was elected by a 5 to 1 vote. Frank Houston was unanimously elected as a Vice Chair and will serve as the Chair of the Historical Committee. Carol Kososki was

unanimously elected as a Vice Chair and will serve as Chair of the Conservation Committee. Stuart Hope was unanimously elected as Finance Chair.

Maxey Love, newly elected Chair, congratulated Becky Bailey for her service as Chair of the RCCC for the past several years and stated that we need to recognize her for this service before County Council. He then called for Committee Reports.

Committee Reports: Conservation Committee – Carol Kososki, Chair

Mrs. Kososki reported on the Community grants. Six grants totaling \$50,000 were approved. Recipients have been notified. Forest Acres Town Council acknowledged the grant at their recent meeting and was very appreciative of the grant.

Grants approved were:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Town of Forest Acres	\$25,000	\$10,000
Congaree Land Trust/American Rivers	\$10,000	\$10,000
Friends of Congaree Swamp	\$15,000	\$10,000
Denny Terrace Community	\$25,000	\$5,000
Ridgewood Community	\$25,000	\$5,000
Wildwood Homeowners Association	\$10,000	\$10,000
Totals	<u>\$110,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

Grant recipients are requested to provide quarterly reports and a 20% match is required which can be in-kind. (A copy is attached to file minutes)

Historical Committee Frank Houston, Chair – Nancy Stone-Collum reported for Mr. Houston. Nine grants have been approved. An article appeared in the paper on Harriet Barber House. Ladson Presbyterian Church is underway. Monteith School has completed both grants and 701 Whaley is getting underway. There is to be a new funding cycle in April. We may need to consider having only one grant cycle per year.

The funding obligations worksheet was discussed. Nancy Stone Collum and Stuart Hope will work with Hugh to get it more accurate and easier to understand.

Council District 7 Public Meeting: Becky Bailey and Council Member Joe McEachern are working on a meeting for Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at Fairlawn Community Center on Wilson Blvd.

Jim Wilson discussed similar meetings with other Council members/Commission members in the future, possibly Lower Richland this spring. Ms. Myers addressed some of their concerns and will work with Council Member Bernice Scott. Ideas of ways to implement these meeting were discussed. A tie-in with “Nature Fest” celebration was mentioned.

Program Manager's Report: Jim Wilson presented a draft of an annual summary (2006-2007) report of RCCC activities for Commission Members and County Council Members. This should be completed by the end of January.

Publicity: The publicity committee meeting was cancelled in December. Becky Bailey and Sam Holland will meet at 2 PM, Friday Jan 26th. All members were invited to participate.

Old Business: 2007 Plan of Work – The 2007 Plan of work was emailed to all members for comments after the November meeting. Comments received were incorporated into the final draft. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the 2007 Plan of Work. A hard copy is attached to the file minutes and will be mailed to each member.

Roles of Procedure – The Rules of Procedure changes included: (1) Article I, Section 5 - Finance Chair: add item (e) – provide for an internal review of financial records not less than annually and (2) Article IV, Section 3 – Attendance: (1) change intent of first paragraph to indicate that the RCCC will recommend to County Council the removal of any member that is absent from three consecutive regular monthly meetings. (2) change intent of second paragraph to indicate that a member that is absent from 40% of monthly commission meeting during any 12-month period shall have forfeited their membership and will be removed without further action by the Commission or County Council. A notice will be sent to the Commission Member and respective County Council Member. The Commission Member may appeal their removal to the Chair of the RCCC.

A motion was made to approve the changes to the Rules of Procedure subject to staff checking with the County Legal Department to determine legality of these changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

RCCC Member Vacancies: Becky Bailey discussed the two vacancies, Council District 2 and 4, and the need to fill those vacancies. A suggestion was made to email the Homeowners/Neighborhood Associations seeking nominees to fill these vacancies.

Jim Wilson was asked to develop a certificate of Appreciation for Margaret DuBard service to the Commission.

Nancy Stone-Collum mentioned the Palmetto Conservation Foundation's lunch box meetings. Rep. James Smith and Rep. Jim Harrison will discuss community rights on Jan 26th at 12 noon at in the Gamecock Room of the Luther Lee Building, 1314 Lincoln Street in Columbia. Bring your lunch.

The RCCC congratulates Ken Driggers on his appointment to the Richland County Transportation Committee.

Jim Wilson distributed the Commission Members invitation to a Reception and Q/A Session for the Richland County Administrator Candidates on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 5:30 PM at the Columbia Museum of Art. (A copy is attached to file minutes)

There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Upcoming Dates

January 24th- County Administrator Candidates Reception - 5:30 PM

January 30th – Council District 7 Public Meeting – 7:00 PM

February 7th – Executive Committee/Staff – 10:00 AM

Next Meeting

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

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell
Staff Support