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Minutes

March 26, 2007
4:00 P.M.

Richland County Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendance

Nine members were present:

Gary Atkinson, Becky Bailey, Sam Holland, Stuart Hope, Frank Houston, Carol Kososki, Maxey Love, Mildred Myers, Virginia Sanders.

Council District's 1 & 4 - Vacant

Others Present:

Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager;
Ken Driggers, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; Hugh Caldwell, Richland SWCD.

Chairman Maxey Love opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Bill Malinowski, Council District #1, was unable to attend.

Minutes: The minutes of February 26, 2007 were approved.

Agenda: The agenda was approved. Chairman Love referenced the standing committee members for 2007 as shown in the minutes indicating these would be official unless someone expressed an interest in serving on another committee.

Executive Committee/Staff Meeting Report: Maxey Love reported that the meeting was via conference call and indicated that items from the meeting for discussing are included in today's agenda.

Committee Reports: Conservation Committee – Carol Kososki, Chair

Mrs. Kososki reported that there will be an easement proposal at the Executive Session. Gills Creek Watershed Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 28 at 1:00 PM. The Grant Subcommittee has met and is planning further meetings to prepare for seeking grant funds for the project. Mr. Tim Trautman from Charlotte will be presenting the "Little Sugar Creek" restoration project at the Neighbor Planning Conference on March 31st at Northeast Midlands Tech Campus at 9 AM which could serve as a model for Gills Creek. Three public meeting with Gill Creek Residents will be held to hear residents concerns in the watershed.

Historical Committee - Frank Houston, Chair

Mr. Houston reported on the 2007 Historic Landmark and Preservation Conference on March 15-16 in Beaufort, SC. He and Nancy Stone-Collum attended. A copy of his report is attached to the official minutes file.

A copy of the release for this spring's Grants for Historic Preservation was distributed. The forms and criteria can be downloaded from the RCCC website. The deadline for applications has been extended to April 25th. A suggestion was made to include Frank Houston's name on the release.

Publicity Committee – Becky Bailey, Chair

The technical specifications were sent to three companies to request quotes for production of the video. The three companies were randomly selected. Zero Gravity has completed work previously for Richland County. Zero Gravity was the only one of three contacted that submitted a quote. RCCC approved up to \$10,000 for the video in October 2006. The quote was \$7,000 to \$8,000 range but will not go over \$10,000. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the bid from the company, Zero Gravity, to do the video. This will be forwarded to Procurement to award the contract.

Program Manager's Report: Business cards were distributed to commission members asking them to review and make needed changes.

The Open Space Ordinance, discussed by Councilwoman Val Hutchinson at last month's meeting was introduced at County Council last week. It was sent to Planning Commission for thirty day review, and then it will go back to Council. The Planning Commission will meet have a hearing on April 2 at 1 PM. County Council will have a public forum on April 24th at 6 PM. This is primarily on Golf courses but can be expanded to park areas.

Jim discussed the proposed agenda for the RCCC Retreat on April 23rd at the Lake House at Sandhill REC beginning at 12:00 PM and ending at 4:30 PM. A copy is attached to minute file. Jim will revise agenda as per discussion. Necessary information will be sent to members to review prior to April 23rd.

A draft of the newsletter was distributed for comments.

Old Business: Council District 7 Public Meeting is set for April 30th, 6:30 PM at Fairlawn Community Center. Councilman Joe McEachern, Becky Bailey and Staff will meet to set agenda and prepare for meeting.

Vacant RCCC Member Positions – Those council members have been contacted. No response received. We had held off on contacting Neighborhood Associations until we got confirmation from Council Members. A decision was made to write Council Members of #1 and #4 and offer to advertise these vacancies through Neighborhood Associations, etc.

New Business: Stuart Hope invited the RCCC to tour 701 Whaley Project. He will send an email to members to set a Sunday afternoon date for the tour

There was no public input.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to enter Executive Session at 5:03 PM.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to come out of executive session at 5:25 PM.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for an appraisal of the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Upcoming Dates

March 31st-	Neighborhood Planning Conference- Northeast Midlands Tech Center (8AM-3PM)
April 2 nd -	County Planning Commission hearing on Open Space Ordinance (1PM)
April 10 th -	Executive Committee/Staff Conference (11 AM)
April 23 rd -	RCCC Retreat and Regular Meeting (1PM)
April 24 th -	County Council Public Forum on Open Space Ordinance (6PM)

Next Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2007, at 1:00 PM – Lake House at Sandhill REC

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell
Staff Support