

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1989, 10:00 AM
REMBERT DENNIS BUILDING, COLUMBIA, SC

Crescent Land
Approval on P-2
under Natural
Areas. (Drane
Power)

Members Present

Dr. Sid Gauthreaux (Chmn.)
Mr. Lindsay Pettus
Dr. Wade Batson
Dr. Steven D. Smith (for Dr. Rippeteau)
Mr. Michael Ray
Ms. Mary Edmonds (for Dr. Vogt)
Mr. Joe F. Watson
Mr. Jack Gould
Mr. Ed Drane
Mrs. Claudette Cureton
Ms. Fran Eargle
Rep. Malloy McEachin
Mr. Chuck Compton

Others Present

Mr. Tom Kohlsaas
Mr. Stuart Greeter
Mr. Steve Bennett
Mr. John Nelson
Mr. Eric Fox
Ms. Linda Lundquist
Ms. Nancy Brock
Ms. Susan McGahee
Ms. Debi Hursey
Ms. Katherine Boyle
Ms. Rose Marie Scheibler
Mr. Skip Johnson
Mr. Billy Keyserling

Members Absent

Mr. Wallace Pate
Sen. Nell Smith
Mr. Ed Burgess
Dr. Jim Timmerman

Chairman Gauthreaux called the August 10 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) to order at 10:00 AM in Room 335 of the Rembert Dennis Building. Chairman Gauthreaux noted that Steve Smith was attending for Dr. Rippeteau. Tom Kohlsaas introduced Nancy Brock, Katherine Boyle, Debi Hursey, Rose Marie Scheibler, Susan McGahee, and Linda Lundquist. Mr. Kohlsaas reported that Steve Bennett has been appointed to the position of Program Coordinator.

The minutes to the May 11 meeting were approved as presented.

Cultural Areas Committee

Ed Drane reported that Green's Shell Ring had been voted an approved project by mail ballot and the Cultural Areas Committee is recommending a proposal to provide \$100,000 on a matching basis to purchase the property with the Town of Hilton Head. The proposal is contingent on obtaining acceptable title to the property and approval of a management plan for the property by the Advisory Board. Mr. Drane will be meeting with the Town Council later this month. A motion was made and passed approving the expenditure of \$100,000 on Green's Shell Ring.

Mr. Drane reported that the Lions Club of Hilton Head may wish to purchase the Fish Haul Creek site. The Lions Club, Hilton Head Museum, and County Recreation Department may be able to purchase the property with the help of the Heritage Land Trust Fund.

Steve Smith reported that a group had visited the Lawton Mound site and Bruce Rippeteau had contacted the owner about protecting the site. No action will be taken at this point and Dr. Rippeteau will continue to work with the owner.

Mr. Drane said the Cultural Areas Committee discussed some problems with integrating cultural areas protection under the Heritage Trust Program. The Committee may meet before the next scheduled Board meeting to address these problems.

Natural Areas Committee

Wade Batson described an area called Bolen Bay in Barnwell County. A motion was made and passed approving Bolen Bay as a protection project.

Steve Bennett noted that the Board had approved protection planning for three potential large areas at the last meeting. He asked that the Board also approve protection planning for the Waccamaw Bridges area. A motion was made and passed to initiate protection planning for the Waccamaw Bridges area.

Budget Committee

Tom Kohlsaat reported that he had met with Senator Smith and the Budget Committee to develop the budget that is being proposed today. Stuart Greeter passed out a list of all revenues to the Heritage Land Trust Fund, a list of all expenditures from the Fund, and the proposed current budget. Mr. Greeter explained each of the changes that had been made since the last approved budget. Ed Drane noted that Green's Shell Ring should be added to the "1989 Commitments" and Fish Haul Creek should be moved to the "No Time Frame" list. A motion was made and passed to approve the budget. A copy is attached to the meeting minutes on file.

Tom Kohlsaat reported that the Budget Committee discussed paying costs associated with properties obtained from The Nature Conservancy. The Committee plans to meet with The Nature Conservancy to address this problem.

Protection Projects Update

Linda Lundquist reported that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) had recently purchased the Wall property, Byrd property and Hoyt-Cook property and that those properties would soon be transferred to the Wildlife Department. The Nature Conservancy has closed on Beet Island in the ACE Basin and will use that property to obtain matching funds once the area is designated as a National Estuarine Research Reserve. TNC's current priority will be obtaining the balance of Carolina Bays that we currently own only portions of.

Stuart Greeter reported that we have purchased the Wall Trust property and the Dargan Addition since our last meeting. Mr. Greeter described the Trust Easements for the Buzzard Roost Heritage Preserve in Oconee County. A motion was made and passed recommending those Trust Easements to the Wildlife Commission. Updated lists of 25 Heritage Preserves and 41 Heritage Sites were passed out to Board members.

Stuart Greeter showed maps of the property the Wildlife Department has recently purchased at Woods Bay State Park and described a proposed trade for 15 acres of land. A motion was made and passed to proceed with the proposed trade.

Large Areas Projects Update

Steve Bennett reported that the staff and Natural Areas Committee is working on criteria to be included in large areas protection plans. The staff is also working on selecting large areas from the piedmont region of the state because none were identified in the first review and selection phase.

Victoria Bluff Update

Tom Kohlsaat reported that the right-of-way on the south side of the Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve has been sold to a developer. Protective covenants on the nearby property were moved so that they would either lie adjacent to the Preserve or encompass a significant wading bird rookery.

Billy Keyserling reported that Thunderbird Boat Company has purchased the property located between the Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve and the Colleton River. He described activities that would be undertaken on the property and answered questions the Board members had.

Other Business

Tom Kohlsaat reported that a staff meeting is planned for September 20 and HTAB members are invited.

Stuart Greeter reported on several locations that are available for the next HTAB meeting. The consensus among members was to meet on November 9 either at the Wedge Plantation or the Baruch Institute. Mr. Greeter will notify members of the final details.

Board members identified some topics they would like to see addressed at the next meeting including: a) buffer area around preserves; b) long term protection objectives and tasks; c) integrating cultural areas projects; and, d) large areas in the piedmont.

Ed Drane reported that the Cultural Areas Committee will be meeting in Columbia on October 6 and all Board members are invited to attend.

Chairman Gauthreaux passed out copies of the Wildlife Facilities Atlas to Board members.

Chairman Gauthreaux appointed Lindsay Pettus to the Natural Areas Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

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