

MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
AUGUST 7, 2003  
COLUMBIA, SC

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)  
Fritz Hamer  
Jon Leader  
Gail Wagner  
Richard Porcher  
Darryl Jones (for Bob Schowalter)  
Rodger Stroup  
Barry Beasley (for John Frampton)  
Charles Bradford  
Freddy Vang  
Bonnie Ammons (for Bob Faith)  
Mike Foley (for Chad Prosser)

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat  
Stuart Greeter  
Chris Judge  
Ken Prosser  
Steve Bennett  
Bert Pittman  
Dan Dobbins  
Kathy Boyle  
Ann Darr  
Johnny Stowe  
Billy McTeer  
Chad Long  
Harry Shealy

Members Absent

Julia Krebs (Vice-Chair)  
Malloy McEachin  
John Tucker

Terry Ferguson called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Approval of May 1 and June 11 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 1 and June 11 2003 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meetings. The motion was approved.

Natural Areas Committee

Freddy Vang stated the committee received a status report on protection planning and a report on properties of interest along the Great Pee Dee River. He explained that Dr. Porcher has established a scholarship fund for survey work that could benefit Heritage Trust. Finally, Mr. Vang said the committee was informed of a proposed refuse dump near Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve. Charles Bradford will investigate the matter.

Cultural Areas Committee

Chris Judge discussed protection planning for archaeological sites and Chad Long gave a presentation of documented sites on GIS. Dr. Stroup requested that a layer of natural

**HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
TENTATIVE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA  
Thursday, November 6, 2003, 1:30 PM  
Styx Compound, 1522 Fish Hatchery Road, Columbia, SC**

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call – Ferguson
- II. Approval of the August 7, 2003 Meeting Minutes – Ferguson
- III. DNR Reorganization Status – McTeer
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Natural Areas Committee – Vang
    - 1. Upper Three Runs Creek - Shealy
    - 2. Protection Planning Update – Boyle
  - B. Cultural Areas Committee – Stroup
    - 1. Berry's Mill – Long
    - 2. Altamaha - Ferguson
    - 3. Protection Planning Update – Judge
- IV. Other Business
  - 1. Stewardship Report – Preserve Managers
  - 2. Nominating Committee - Ferguson
- V. Budget Committee - McEachin (Executive Session)
  - A. Peachtree Rock Addn.
  - B. Poinsett Bridge Lease
  - C. HLTF – Greeter
- VI. Adjourn

**FUTURE MEETING DATES: Feb. 5, May 6, Aug. 5, & Nov. 4**

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#### Other Business

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#### Budget Committee

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The next meeting will be November 6, 2003.

Adjourn.

Peachtree Rock Addition  
HLTF Budget Proposal

I. Proposed Action

The proposed action is to acquire approximately 155 acres adjoining The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Peachtree Rock Preserve in Lexington County. TNC will donate a conservation easement on the existing 305-acre preserve and both tracts will be dedicated as a DNR heritage preserve and placed within the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust. Funds for property acquisition costs will come from the Heritage Land Trust Fund (HLTF).

II. Property Costs

<u>Cost/Acre</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
\$1,650	155	\$255,750

Estimated Other Costs

Appraisal	\$ 3,000
Env. Assessment	2,000
Survey	10,000
Attorney Fee	1,500
Recording Fee	75
Title Insurance	750
Total Other Costs	\$ 20,735

Total Project Cost \$273,075

III. Significance

Peachtree Rock harbors the largest sandstone outcrops in South Carolina, the only waterfall in the Coastal Plain, a swamp tupelo-evergreen shrub bog and a longleaf pine ecosystem. Marine fossils found in the outcrops indicate the formations were created 60 million years ago. Two plant species of concern, Rayner's blueberry and woody goldenrod, are on the preserve. The proposed addition contains sandhill scrub vegetation and several wetland areas. Failure to protect the tract will likely result in mobile home sites, which will prevent controlled burns that are necessary to maintain the rare plant communities. Peachtree Rock is ranked number 50 on the list of most important natural sites in the state.

IV. Management

The property will be managed by TNC as part of the Peachtree Rock Preserve. Visitors will follow HP rules and regulations. No additional acquisitions are planned for the preserve.

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