

AGENDA

HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD

July 21, 1977

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of April 19 Meeting
3. Status Report on Stevens Creek Natural Area and Capers Island
4. Discussion of New Projects
  - a. Thomas Heyward Burial Site
  - b. Amoco Site
  - c. Cooks Mountain
  - d. Eastatoe Creek
5. New Business
6. Lunch
7. Speaker: Mr. Tim McCall, on the problems of preserve management
8. Adjourn

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SOUTH CAROLINA HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD

10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 1977

1116 Bankers Trust Tower

Columbia, South Carolina

The South Carolina Heritage Trust Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Hudson.

Members Present:

Dr. Wade T. Batson  
Mr. Fred Brinkman  
Mr. Philip Edwards  
Mrs. Christie Fant (Representing Mr. Charles Lee)  
Ms. Charlotte Fieldler (Representing Mr. Robert Leak)  
Mr. Henry Fulmer (Representing Mr. John Parris)  
Dr. Sid Gauthreaux, Jr.  
Mr. Joseph Hudson  
Rep. Sam Manning  
Mr. David Sennema  
Dr. Robert Stephenson  
Dr. James A. Timmerman, Jr.  
Mr. Ben Williamson

Others Present:

Dr. Wayne Beam  
Mr. Stu Greeter  
Mr. Albert R. Heyward II  
Mr. Tom Kohlsaatt  
Ms. Julie Lumpkin  
Ms. Jan Mewborn  
Mr. Tim McCall (The Nature Conservancy)  
Dr. Doug Rayner

Those members unable to attend were Mrs. Constance Armitage, Mrs. Ethel Jane Bunting, Mr. John Tiller, and Senator Thomas F. Hartnett.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The first item of business was a status report on Capers Island and Stevens Creek. Dr. Wayne Beam noted that the Board at its April meeting took two significant actions in recommending to the Wildlife Commission that Stevens Creek Natural Area and Capers Island be included in the corpus of the Heritage Trust. The Wildlife Commission has given its approval for this action. An Agreement was signed at the July Wildlife Commission meeting dedicating the Stevens Creek Natural Area as a preserve. The deed will be prepared in the next few weeks.

Dr. Beam and Mr. Hudson have been talking with BOR officials regarding BOR's authority over Capers Island, since its acquisition was made possible through a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant. Mr. Hudson will be meeting with

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the Secretary of the Interior on July 28 and hopes to discuss this matter with him. The Wildlife Commission has indicated that they would like to have Capers included in the Trust. BOR wants to insure that public recreation not be excluded by placing the property in the Trust.

The next item on the agenda was New Projects. Mr. Kohlsaas gave a brief slide presentation to familiarize everyone with properties being considered for the Trust.

Mr. Kohlsaas then introduced a proposal for a historic site known as the Thomas Heyward Burial Site in Jasper County. The Heyward Family Foundation is seeking assistance from the Heritage Trust in working out a means of managing and maintaining the property. Mr. Albert Heyward made a brief presentation on this project on behalf of the Heyward family. It was felt that the best approach would be to find private sources of funds in the amount of a \$50,000 endowment which should return enough money each year to manage the property. Mr. Kohlsaas stated that the Board could propose to the Foundation that they provide the leadership in raising the money from private sources. It was also pointed out that if the site was brought into the corpus of the Trust, it might also help in fund raising.

Representative Manning suggested that since the area was not only one of beauty but also of unique historical significance (Burial place of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence) that it might be in the best interest to suggest to the Department of PRT the value of having a mini-park at the site for tourists.

It was moved by Dr. Stephenson to give the Board's endorsement in principle to have the site put into the Trust while studying more about the area in order to prepare a definitive proposal. The motion was seconded by Representative Manning and unanimously agreed upon by the Board.

Dr. Timmerman was asked to act as Chairman as Mr. Hudson departed for an out of town appointment.

The next project for discussion was the Amoco site in Berkeley County. Dr. Stephenson reported that he had been working very closely with Amoco on several archaeological sites of interest on their property. Dr. Stephenson described the property and noted that Amoco has been an exemplary developer and has taken a strong interest in preserving archaeological and historical sites. The area is known as the Grove and Flagg Plantation sites between Grove and Flagg Creek on the Cooper River. Dr. Stephenson pointed out that extensive archaeological work would have to be done and that Amoco would help with the funding. The site is roughly seven acres and located outside of Amoco's security zone but Amoco would arrange security for the area.

Mr. Kohlsaas pointed out that Amoco was interested in having the site registered under the Heritage Trust but did not want to give up interest in the land. Dr. Timmerman felt that the site appeared very interesting both from a historical as well as an archaeological standpoint but that more information should be obtained as far as the size, Amoco's exact intentions, and the archaeological significance of the area. Mr. Sennema moved to give the Board's endorsement in principle and to further investigate the area. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinkman and unanimously agreed upon by the Board.

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The next project for consideration was Cook's Mountain in Richland County. Mr. Kohlsaas distributed a copy of the Registration Agreement on Cook's Mountain which was executed by the Wildlife Department. The Agreement registered the property as a Heritage site under Section 10 of the Heritage Trust Act. Mrs. Fant added that there may be historic interest in this site connected with James Cook who was a surveyor of the North Carolina/South Carolina line of 1773. Mr. Lee is investigating this and will report his findings to the Board. It was moved to accept this Registration Agreement and to pass it on to the Wildlife Commission for their approval. The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed upon by the Board.

Mr. Kohlsaas discussed the status of Eastatoe Creek, although no action was required by the Board. The acquisition will be in fee simple title as part of an Agreement between Duke Power Company's subsidiary, Crescent Land & Timber Company and the Wildlife Department. Crescent will donate about 400 acres of the Eastatoe watershed to be managed as a wildlife management area with a small parking lot to provide access for trout fishermen. It is hoped to use the donated or appraised value of this property to secure matching funds from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to help with the parking lot, some trails, and improvements on other Heritage properties, such as a fire control vehicle on Capers Island and a parking lot improvement at Stevens Creek.

The next item on the Agenda was New Business. Mr. Kohlsaas mentioned that a bill had been filed in Congress to create a national heritage trust. The legislation, called the Natural Diversity Preservation Act, essentially creates a new source of funds for acquiring areas of natural significance and under proposed amendments, lands of historical significance. Mr. Kohlsaas noted the importance of this development because it would create another source of funds for these acquisitions besides BOR and that it would be a great boost to our efforts in acquiring Heritage properties around the State. Dr. Timmerman mentioned that there was also a bill sponsored by Senator Hart of Colorado on a non-game program which would fit in well with the Heritage Trust. Dr. Timmerman added that he felt the hunter and fisherman should not bear the total burden for management of lands from which they derive no benefit and that the state should look into some other source of funds that will add to the total wildlife enjoyment for the people of the state.

Mrs. Fant added in regard to federal funds that South Carolina is presently receiving the most money of any state under the National Historic Preservation Act for this fiscal year. However, there is a problem in obtaining the 50% matching funds since the S. C. General Assembly has not appropriated money to assist with this program.

Mr. Kohlsaas brought to the Board's attention some difficulty in scheduling the advisory board meetings to suit every member. The Board agreed that it would be impossible to suite everyone and that they would prefer the staff to continue scheduling meeting dates. It was also decided to hold the next Heritage Trust meeting in Charleston to coincide with the Nature Conservancy's national meeting. More information on this meeting will be sent in August.

Mrs. Fant discussed the Ashley River Heritage Preserve Project. The South Carolina Department of Archives & History is using historic preservation and survey funds from the Department of Interior to fund the development of this project by a consultant. The purpose of this project, which was undertaken by the Drayton Hall Council with the aid of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the South Carolina Heritage Trust, is to establish and protect, through acquisition of conservation easements a conservation district that will include the Ashley River and the Ashley River Road.

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Mrs. Fant congratulated the Heritage Trust on Julie Lumpkin's series of articles in the Outdoor column of the State Newspaper.

Dr. Stephenson spoke regarding the National Heritage Trust Program. He stated that some of his colleagues in the archaeology community were not happy with the wording of it as it stands in relation to archaeological and historical resources. Dr. Stephenson, who is on the National Action Committee for the Society of Professional Archaeologists, plans to meet with the President's committee next week. Anyone having any comments or suggestions on how to improve the National Heritage Trust proposal should contact Dr. Stephenson.

Mr. Tim McCall from The Nature Conservancy spoke on the problems of preserve management.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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