

MINUTES

S. C. HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, June 7, 1979

Columbia, S. C.

Members Present

Dr. William H. Abbott
representing Mr. Robert E. Leak
Mr. Walter T. Ahearn
representing Mr. Leonard A. Kilian, Jr.
Dr. Wade T. Batson
Mrs. Ethel Jane Bunting
Mr. Philip L. Edwards
Mrs. Christie Fant
representing Dr. Charles Lee
Mr. Jefferson C. Fuller, Jr.
representing Mr. Samuel Boykin
Mr. William R. Jennings
representing Mr. Fred Brinkman
Dr. Robert L. Stephenson
Dr. James A. Timmerman, Jr.
Mr. Ben Williamson, Chairman

Others Present

Mr. Stu Greeter, Heritage Trust Staff
Mr. Tom Kohlsaas, Heritage Trust Staff
Ms. Julie Lumpkin, Heritage Trust Staff
Ms. Jan Mewborn, Heritage Trust Staff
Mr. Jim Sorrow, Heritage Trust Staff

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The minutes of the March 1 meeting were approved. Mrs. Fant requested a deletion of the word "historic" in reference to the priority projects list submitted by Mr. Lee to communicate a broader concept in conservation. The corrected sentence reads as follows: "Mr. Lee explained that the protection of such (priority) areas is beyond the reach of other preservation programs, and should, therefore be a high priority for the Heritage Trust."

Mr. Buddy Jennings, who was representing Mr. Brinkman, was introduced. Mr. Jim Sorrow was introduced as the new preserve manager for the Heritage Trust Program.

In his absence, Mr. Sam Boykin asked that Mr. Jeff Fuller act as his proxy. Dr. Timmerman asked Mr. Kohlsaas to act as his proxy since he had to leave the meeting early.

Dr. Timmerman remarked on the funding situation for the coming fiscal year, pointing out that funds for management of Heritage Preserves will continue to be tight, but that the Wildlife and Marine Resources Department is committed to maintaining a strong Heritage Trust program.

Tom Kohlsaas explained the Bill currently in the legislature which would give county and municipal governments the authority to transfer conservation easements on county- and city-owned lands to the Heritage Trust.

Reappointments to the Board

Dr. Timmerman announced the reappointment of Dr. Batson and Dr. Gauthreaux to the Board.

Mr. Jennings made a presentation on PRT's recent acquisition of the Caesar's Head property in the Mountain Bridge area.

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OLD BUSINESS

Angel Oak - Mrs. Bunting presented slides and reported on the status of the Angel Oak. It was brought to the Board's attention that construction and other work had been done without prior written approval by the Board as stipulated in the agreement. After considerable discussion, Dr. Batson made a motion to revoke Registration of the Angel Oak. Dr. Stephenson made an amendment to the motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board ask the S. C. Wildlife Department to terminate the Agreement stating that Mr. Felkel was in violation of the agreement and that the registration would be revoked following the 30-day notice as stipulated in the agreement with a copy of the letter to Mr. Felkel and the Charleston County Planning Board. The amended motion was approved. During the discussion it was pointed out that the Board should proceed more cautiously in future projects involving user fees on private property.

Amoco Site - Dr. Stephenson gave a slide presentation on the 600-acre Amoco site which consists of Flagg & Grove Plantations. The proposed registration agreement has been reviewed by the S. C. Wildlife Department and is now in the hands of Amoco Chemical Corporation where a complete legal description will be drawn up.

On the motion of Dr. Stephenson and second of Mrs. Fant, the Board designated the Amoco project as a priority feature.

Mr. Ahearn noted that Mr. Porter Stevens, Manager of the Amoco plant, was named Conservationist of the Year in the Industrial category in 1978 by the S. C. Wildlife Federation. Mr. Stevens was nominated by Mr. Leak of the State Development Board.

Ashley River Road - Mr. Kohlsaas reported that in checking with the Wildlife & Marine Resources Commission on accepting easements on the properties within the Ashley River Conservation District, the Commission agreed to the easements provided that it was the consensus of the landowners.

Mr. Kohlsaas reported that Georgia Pacific is preparing to donate the portion of its land along the road, subject to provision for ingress and egress for future developments.

Mr. Kohlsaas requested that the boundary of the Ashley River Conservation District, which was designated as a priority area at the March 1 meeting, be designated. Mrs. Fant reiterated that the intent of the project is to protect the natural setting of historic properties along the river as well as to protect the scenic qualities of the road itself.

Dr. Stephenson made a motion to declare the Ashley River Conservation District boundaries as 200' on South side of Ashley River Road to 200' ~~North~~ ^{North} beyond the bank of the Ashley River, from Church Creek to and including Dorchester State Park. The motion was seconded by Dr. Batson and approved by the Board.

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OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Thomas Heyward Burial Site - Report is pending by Representative Manning.

Priority Lists - Work continued on the priority list for geologic, cultural and archeological sites with reports forthcoming at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommended Protection Process - Mr. Kohlsaas briefly discussed materials on protection priorities and procedures which were submitted to the Board for review. A special meeting is planned for July 12 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss this material in detail.

Land Protection Seminar - Mr. Kohlsaas informed the Board that Mr. Rich Sussman of HCRS has volunteered to come to South Carolina and present a seminar dealing with land protection techniques. This seminar, which should last all day, is planned for September 6. The meeting time and place will be determined at a later date.

The next meeting will be July 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dutch Plaza Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

TENTATIVE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes
- II. Current Projects
 - A. Plant Protection Priority List
 - B. Project Status Reports
 - 1. Greenville-Spartanburg Airport
 - 2. Sagittaria fasciculata
 - 3. Forty Acre Rock
 - 4. Camassia Flats
- III. New Projects
 - A. Auldbrass Plantation
 - B. Additional sites harboring plant species of concern
 - C. Additional sites harboring plant species of concern
- IV. Quarterly Status Report - Handout