

## MINUTES

### S. C. HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD

Dutch Plaza, Columbia  
10:00 a.m. - March 6, 1980

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Walter T. Ahearn  
representing Mr. Leonard Kilian  
Mrs. Ethel Jane Bunting  
Mr. Ed Burgess  
representing Mr. Robert Leak  
Mr. Bob Dalton  
representing Dr. Charles Lee  
Dr. Sid Gauthreaux  
Mr. Philip Edwards  
Mr. Bill Lawrence  
representing Mr. Fred Brinkman  
Mr. Roger Stroup  
representing Mr. David Sennema  
Dr. Robert L. Stephenson  
Dr. James A. Timmerman, Jr.  
Mr. Pat Walker  
representing Mr. John Parris  
Mr. Ben Williamson

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Steve Bennett, Heritage Staff  
Mr. Stuart Greeter, Heritage Staff  
Mr. Tom Kohlsaas, Heritage Staff  
Ms. Jan Mewborn, Heritage Staff  
Dr. Doug Rayner, Heritage Staff

Chairman Williamson opened the March 6 meeting. The Minutes of the December 13 meeting were approved. Chairman Williamson introduced Pat Walker with the S. C. Land Resources Commission; Mr. Roger Stroup with the S. C. Museum Commission; Mr. Bill Lawrence, with the S. C. Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department; Mr. Ed Burgess with the S. C. Development Board, and Mr. Bob Dalton with the S. C. Archives & History Department. Tom Kohlsaas introduced Steve Bennett, the new Program Coordinator for the Heritage Trust Program. Steve will be responsible for the natural areas inventory and evaluation of data.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the quarterly status report and gave updates on several projects: Flagg & Grove Plantation - Dr. Stephenson reported on the Registration Agreement with Amoco Chemical Corporation. Amoco suggested a few changes in the Agreement and a letter has been written to Amoco advising them to proceed with their legal work.

Ashley River Road Conservation District - Stuart Greeter reported that the Georgia-Pacific property, consisting of about two miles of road frontage, was transferred to the National Trust for Historic Preservation through The Nature Conservancy in a ceremony at Drayton Hall. The National Trust will hold this donation and other easements until a sufficiently large assemblage is acquired to transfer to the Wildlife Department for dedication under the Heritage Trust. Mrs. Bunting commented favorably on the ceremony and stated that she felt this type of ceremony should be held for the upcoming Westvaco donation.

#### Tillman Sand Ridge

Tom Kohlsaas reported that negotiations between the Nature Conservancy and the owners have not been successful and that this project will be slow and difficult.

Victoria Bluff - Mr. Kohlsaas reported that Victoria Bluff has been acquired, a management plan is being prepared, and a proposal is being prepared for dedication under the Heritage Trust. Dr. Timmerman mentioned plans for developing a mariculture research center on a portion of the property.

Thomas Heyward Burial Site - Stuart Greeter reported that the S. C. Coastal Council plans to make funds available to improve the site. A plan has been worked out whereby the site will be donated to the county, the county will clean it up and install improvements, and PRT will maintain it. The county will also seek dedication of the area under the Heritage Trust.

Mountain Bridge - Dr. Timmerman reported that he, Mr. Brinkman, and the Chairmen of their respective commissions plan to meet with the Governor later in the month to discuss the progress of the Watson and Moore projects. A request for \$650,000 in bonding money to cover the State's cost of purchasing the Moore property has been submitted. A request to the Secretary of the Interior for contingency funds is also being considered.

Dr. Timmerman also suggested that a study committee be put together to work with staff and evaluate what we have done in the last five years and decide what we would like to focus on for the next five years. After some discussion, Mr. Ahearn suggested that the staff take lead in organizing the evaluation around various issues. Board members would then participate in the review, concentrating on the issues with which they were familiar. Staff agreed to this approach and will have a report at the next meeting.

*Committee Gauthreaux, Chm. - Ahearn + Stephenson, Bunting*

Discussion of Projects voted on by ballot - All projects voted on by mail were approved, as listed on the quarterly status report. The "savannahs in general" proposal was not included in the quarterly status report. The reason being that a detailed location of the project should be known before a status report can be made. Also, two savannahs (Okeetee and Socastee) are already listed as approved projects. Auldbrass Plantation is not an approved project. The action taken at the last meeting was to send the county council a letter listing the possible alternatives for public ownership of Auldbrass.

#### Chandler Bridge Formation

Stuart Greeter reported that the staff is currently working up land donation proposals to be submitted to Westvaco Development Corporation and the S. C. Department of Mental Retardation. The Charleston Museum Board is presently reviewing the proposals and should approve them in March. The proposal will be submitted to Westvaco and the S. C. Department of Mental Retardation shortly thereafter. The project entails acquisition of an easement from the Department of Mental Retardation and fee simple property from Westvaco. The Museum will then excavate the area undertaking various paleontological research projects. Mrs. Bunting suggested getting the Museum to write up regular statements about what it is doing for educational purposes.

#### NEW BUSINESS

New Projects - Stu Greeter and Doug Rayner gave a brief introduction to the new projects. Mr. Ahearn moved to approve Wildcate Wayside Park, Cheraw State Park and Table Rock State Park as projects to be registered under the Heritage Trust. Dr. Stephenson seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Mr. Kohlsaas reviewed the procedure now being used to keep the Board informed of the status of projects and to introduce new projects. Comments were generally favorable. At Dr. Gauthreaux's request, copies of the proceedings of the 1976 S. C. Endangered Species Symposium were distributed to members.

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Auldbrass Plantation - Mr. Dalton agreed to obtain information on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's progress with an alternative proposal for protecting the property. Mr. Williamson will use this information in his letter of reponse to the Beaufort County Council.

Mr. Kohlsaas discussed the status of the National Heritage Policy Act currently in Congress. If approved, this program would create federal support for the operation of state heritage programs and would provide some protection of registered areas against federal activity which might harm the features of concern. The cultural protection community has raised objections to the proposed act, resulting in at least one alternative bill being introduced.

Mr. Edwards initiated a discussion of the Board's apparent lack of attention to cultural projects. It was generally agreed that this imbalance is a result of the Wildlife Department's heavy involvement in natural areas protection and that representatives of agencies concerned with cultural areas protection also had the option of proposing dedication and registration projects in addition to the other methods available to them. Dr. Stephenson agreed to review his inventory for potential Heritage Trust projects.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5 at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.