

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987, 10:00 AM
REMBERT DENNIS BUILDING, COLUMBIA, S. C.

Members Present

Sid Gauthreaux (Chairman)
Fran Eargle
Ed Drane
Jack Gould
Christie Fant
E. D. Foxworth
John Hassell
Bruce Rippeteau (Vice Chairman)
Jim Timmerman
Fred Brinkman

Members Absent

Wade Batson
Claudette Cureton
Charles Compton
Nell Smith
Michael Ray

Other Attendees

Stuart Greeter
Tom Kohlsaatt
Michael Foley
John Rogers
Langdon Edmunds
Doug Rayner
Al Goodyear
Steve Bennett
John Nelson
Roger Jones
John Cely
Zach Corontzes
Steve Smith
Tim Carrier
Billy McTeer
Michael McKenzie

Chairman Gauthreaux called the May 12 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) to order. The February 5 meeting minutes were approved. Tom Kohlsaatt passed out two publications of potential interest and asked Board members to indicate if they would like to see copies.

Budget Committee

Tom Kohlsaatt passed out the current Heritage Land Trust Fund (HLTF) budget and explained its status. Dr. Timmerman asked that we review property acquisition procedures with our legal and administrative staff to be sure we are in compliance with all laws and regulations. Tom Kohlsaatt suggested a Budget Committee composed of Representative Foxworth, Senator Smith, Charles Compton, John Hassell, Jack Gould and Jim Timmerman. Chairman Gauthreaux appointed those members to the Budget Committee.

Cultural Areas Committee

Christie Fant indicated that property at Nipper Creek may soon be purchased and that access to the property is being worked out. She also reported that Representative Foxworth introduced the proposed easement legislation on April 14 and it was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The legislation is identified as House Bill #2933.

Natural Areas Committee

John Nelson described the proposed protection project known as Rock Hill Blackjacks. The Board approved that protection project. The question of supplying the Board with maps of proposed protection projects was discussed. Chairman Gauthreaux suggested showing a slide of the map to the Board along with other photos. The map issue will be discussed and a recommendation made at the next meeting.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman noted the proposed Freedom of Information legislation and stated that real estate transactions may be exempt. He pointed out that the House budget proposes a 4.6% cut and the Senate budget proposes a 3.5% reduction. Each percentage point translates to \$175,000 for the Wildlife Department. Dr. Timmerman suggested that the legislative members of the HTAB send letters to Governor Campbell requesting appointments for the currently vacant positions.

Protection Projects Update

Stuart Greeter reported on two bunched arrowhead registrations and a registration agreement for James Lake Bluff. The Board approved those registration agreements. Stuart Greeter reported that the HTAB and the Wildlife Commission approved the Trust Easement for Savannah River Bluffs Heritage Preserve. Legal documents to place the Ashmore tract, Eastatoe Gorge and Victoria Bluff under the Heritage Trust were approved. Roger Jones reported that the Bunched Arrowhead Preserve, in Greenville County and Chitty Bay, in Bamberg County were purchased by the Wildlife Department. Roger Jones outlined the current situation at Pee Dee Islands with options on some of the properties running out. After some discussion, the Board voted not to purchase any property there until a minimum, defensible preserve could be assured.

Revised Project Priority System

Doug Rayner passed out information on the Revised Protection Priority System and explained the process. Chairman Gauthreaux asked Board members to review the information and submit their comments.

Repair of the Dike on Capers Island

Tom Kohlsaet introduced Mike McKenzie who explained the current situation with the dike at Capers Island. The impoundment provides diversity and is the focal point for a lot of user groups. A motion was passed to proceed with the repair of the dike. Dr. Timmerman said the staff should be able to report on the funding situation at the next meeting.

Chairman Gauthreaux asked if a management plan had been developed for Capers Island. Mike McKenzie said he had a conceptual use plan. Chairman Gauthreaux asked for a completion schedule on management plans. He also requested that the legal staff look into our obligations to maintain man made structures on Heritage Preserves.

Cost Containment and Additional Resources for State Parks

Fred Brinkman handed out a folder containing brochures on State Park activities. He explained that there are currently eight Heritage Trust Program registrations at State Parks and two joint acquisition projects currently ongoing. With a legislative appropriation of \$1.2 million, PRT has been able to hire naturalists and tour guides at State Parks for specialized activities. Due to the apparent phasing out of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, PRT has proposed a Park and Recreation Development Fund to be funded by taxes on bingo games. The Department is also considering privately run developments on State Parks. The PRT Commission is developing a State Park Systems Plan and there is a need to identify all natural and cultural areas in State Parks that should be protected.

Red Wolf on Bull Island

Tom Kohlsaet proposed sending out information on the Red Wolf introduction to Bull Island for Board members' comments.

Schedule Next HTAB Meeting

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 20, and the meeting was adjourned.

Heritage Land Trust Fund Status -06/18/87

	Revenue	Expendit.	Balance

Revenues to Date*			
Sav. R. Bluffs Carryover	150,000		
July Doc. Stamp Collections	117,000		
August Collections	114,000		
September Collections	110,000		
October Collections	128,000		
November Collections	106,000		
December Collections	203,000		
January Collections	90,000		
February Collections	71,000		
March Collections	80,000		
April Collections	99,000		
Interest	3,000		
Expenditures to Date			
Cartwheel Bay		249,000	
Junkyard (Bennett's) Bay		135,000	
Savage Bay		1,000	
Flat Creek Addition (Wall)		50,000	
Cathedral (Chitty) Bay***			
Sagittaria I		156,000	

TOTALS	1,271,000	591,000	680,000
Projected Activity			
I. Through Sept. '87			
3 Months Collections @ 90M	270,000		
Nipper Creek		45,000	
Sagittaria II		210,000	
Woods Bay Addition		42,000	

TOTALS	270,000	297,000	653,000
II. October through March '88			
6 Months Collection @ 100M	600,000		
USFWS Sagittaria Reimbursement	30,000		
Sav. R. Bluffs Addition**		332,000	
Flat Creek Addition (Cooke)		30,000	
Cartwheel Bay Addition		145,000	
Junkyard (Bennett's) Bay Add'n		80,000	

TOTALS	630,000	587,000	696,000
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III. Indefinite Time Frame			
Long Branch Bay		80,000	
Little Pee Dee St. Pk. Bay		80,000	
Lewis Ocean Bay, etc. Complex		1,500,000	

TOTALS		1,660,000	

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