

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 4, 2000
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)
John Tucker
Julia Krebs
Bruce Rippeteau
Rodger Stroup
Pete Bischoff (for Hugh Ryan)
Charles Bradford
Bonnie Ammons (for Charles Way)
Freddy Vang
Billy McTeer (for Paul Sandifer)
Charles Harrison (for Buddy Jennings)
Malloy McEachin
John Frierson
Richard Porcher

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat
Dick Houk
Harry Shealy
Bob McCartney
Gil Newberry
Mark Hall
Bert Pittman
Steve Bennett
Jamie Dozier
Johnny Stowe
Jon Rood
Ken Prosser
Chris Judge
Stuart Greeter
Dan Dobbins
Jon Leader

Members Absent

Tony Ganong

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

Approval of February 4 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2000 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

In Dr. Sandifer's absence, Billy McTeer reported that operating funds for Wildlife Diversity have been placed in next year's budget. However, he said the status of whether or not they will be recurring funds will not be decided until the bill goes to Conference Committee. Mr. McTeer also stated that the General Assembly has approved six FTE positions for the section. Regarding the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), he reported that the bill will go before the U.S. House for a vote next Wednesday.

Tom Kohlsaat reported on the Habitat Protection Initiative and the Morris Island

Lighthouse.

Dr. Ferguson recognized HTAB alternate Charles Harrison and visitors Harry Shealy, Bob McCartney, Gil Newberry and Dick Houk.

Cultural Areas Committee

1. Coosaw Island Shell Ring: Chris Judge described the site and Dr. Stroup said the committee as a motion recommends approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

2. Tavern Rock Shelter: Dr. Ferguson said work on a proposed registration agreement for this site has not been completed and the item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Ferguson announced that discussions about the Henderson Preserve Design and the Saluda Watershed Preserve Design would be deferred to the Budget Committee.

Dr. Ferguson distributed news articles about Heritage Trust projects, copies of the 1999 Annual Report and reports on the Kolb archaeological site. Stuart Greeter stated that next year is the 25th Anniversary of the Heritage Trust Program and asked members for ideas on how to promote the event.

Budget Committee

HTAB entered Executive Session to discuss budget issues. They returned to regular session and voted to approve the Heritage Land Trust Fund (HLTF) budget. Addendums to the budget included the Henderson Preserve additions, Bald Rock, Coosaw Island Shell Ring, and a Bunched Arrowhead site ranking study. Increases were approved for Childsbury and the crayfish survey. Preserve designs for the Henderson Preserve and the Saluda Watershed were also approved.

Other Business

1. Vice-Chair Appointment Committee: Dr. Ferguson appointed Rodger Stroup and Freddy Vang to recommend a Vice-Chair for HTAB at the next meeting.

2. Stewardship: Johnny Stowe, Jamie Dozier, Chris Judge and Jon Rood updated members on stewardship activities.

3. Strategic Plan Update: Mr. Kohlsaas reviewed and discussed the action items from the last meeting.

4. Use of HLTF for Surveys: Mr. Greeter explained the proposed guidelines, and a motion

was made and seconded to approve them.

Dr. Ferguson reminded members that the next HTAB meeting will be at Hickory Knob State Park August 3-4.

Adjourn.