

SOUTH CAROLINA HERITAGE TRUST

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

November 21, 1974

AGENDA

- I. Staff Progress Report
 - A. Inventory
 - B. Regional Advisory Committees
 - C. Evaluation
- II. Acquisitions
- III. Related Programs: Coordination
- IV. Implementation/Legislative Package

M I N U T E S

MEETING: S. C. Heritage Trust Advisory Board

PLACE: Bankers Trust Tower, Suite 1116

TIME: 2:00 p.m., November 21, 1974

PRESENT: Mr. Joseph W. Hudson, Chairman
Mr. Charles E. Lee, S. C. Dept. of Archives & History
Mr. Frank Caggiano, S. C. House Director Research-Agricultural Comm.
Mrs. June Uhler, Jr. League
Mr. Walter T. Ahearn, S. C. State Commission of Forestry
Mrs. I. D. Elmore, The Garden Club of S. C.
Senator James M. Waddell, Beaufort, S. C.
Mr. Stanley Smith, Beaufort, S. C.
Mr. W. W. Johnson, S. C. state Ports Authority
Dr. Benjamin C. Dysart, S. C. Wildlife Federation
Representative Sam P. Manning, House of Representatives
Mrs. Dielle Fleischmann, The Nature Conservancy, McClellanville, S.C.
Mr. Dwight A. Holder, S. C. Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission
Mr. Fred Brinkman, S. C. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
Ms. Christi Fant, Department of Archives & History
Dr. James A. Timmerman, S. C. Wildlife & Marine Resources Dept.
Mr. Larry Cartee, S. C. Wildlife & Marine Resources Dept.
Mr. Thomas, S. Kohlsaas, The Nature Conservancy
Dr. Eugene A. Laurent, S. C. Wildlife & Marine Resources Dept.

The November 21st meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Hudson. Dr. Laurent noted that two members of the staff were not present due to a conflict with the Regional Advisory Meeting being held in Beaufort.

The first item on the Agenda was the Staff Progress Report. With respect to the field inventory, Tom Kohlsaas reported that the list of approximately 300 sites which have been accumulated have been narrowed down to about 100 sites in an effort to establish priorities for detailed field surveys. The goal is to survey in detail these 100 sites by the first part of January. These sites could then be used as specific illustrations of the types of areas the Heritage Trust Program is interested in. The list of priority sites will be made available to the Board for their comments.

Mr. Kohlsaas also reported on the evaluation phase of the program. He indicated that the staff were working on a set of criteria for evaluating areas to determine whether the areas qualify as a Heritage site. A rough draft of these evaluation criteria will be available for the next meeting of the Board.

Dr. Laurent reported that the first meeting of a Regional Advisory Committee was being held today in the Low Country Regional Planning District. He said that there appeared to be a good cross section of people interested in serving on the Advisory Committees. The staff plans to have 7 working Regional Advisory Committees by the end of January. Dr. Laurent also commented that these regional advisory groups are very flexible and that it will be easy to evolve additional people as we go into the program.

Chairman Hudson reported that there had been a couple of questioning articles in newspapers around the State concerning the Santee Coastal Reserve. Chairman Hudson discussed the purpose and use of the Santee gift in some detail.

Chairman Hudson also reported that the Heritage Trust Program had been given an opportunity to purchase Capers Island and to receive the majority of development rights on Dewees Island. He indicated that we were working with PRT in an effort to get Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funding for this acquisition, and we are awaiting a decision on this funding from the Secretary of the Interior. Dr. Laurent said that copies of the BOR project of the Environmental Assessment on the Islands are available to any board member who would like to have them.

Mr. Stanley Smith who is the principle owner of St. Phillips Island spoke to the members regarding St. Phillips Island.

Dr. Laurent then asked board members to comment on the overall goals of the program. He indicated that the Executive Order provided a list of objectives which dealt with natural areas, historical areas, archeological areas, and the provision of recreational and hunting opportunities. He said that the staff felt that this was a little too broad and would like to have more direction in what the Board feels a Heritage area should be. The staff feels that the Heritage Trust Program should not be concerned with the provision of recreation, or hunting and fishing opportunities or the general protection of historic and archeological sites. Rather, the Program should be concerned with identifying and protecting important and unusual natural areas and habitats. Beyond this, the Program should only be involved with those areas that bring together a unique combination of natural, historical or archeological features that provide a unique glimpse of man's use of the land in South Carolina. These areas could then be used to support outdoor recreation or hunting and fishing to the extent that these activities did not adversely affect the area. Dr. Lee stated that he felt this idea of a total package was what was agreed to in the beginning of the program. Dr. Lee also made the point that a natural area or a rice field was just as much a part of history as a historic building. Along this line, Mr. Brinkman indicated that the PRT Commission was reviewing several of its acquisitions such as Muscroe Mill and Woods Bay to determine whether or not these areas should be dedicated to the Heritage Trust Program. Chairman Hudson commented that each area acquired by the Program should have a use plan in which the area's ability to support public recreation and hunting and fishing opportunities was analyzed.

The next item on the Agenda was the Implementation/Legislative Package. Dr. Laurent reported that the Conservancy has been conducting a nationwide survey to identify the various implementation and protective techniques that are being used and determine which techniques appear to be working. Mr. Kohlsaet said that this study is coming to a conclusion and that a report was due by December 10. Dr. Laurent said that this report will be written into draft legislation and will be circulated for comment by the next meeting. An outline of the implementation report was distributed and Mr. Kohlsaet discussed its contents.

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board is set for 11:00 a.m. January 16, 1975 in Suite 1116, Bankers Trust Tower.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 21, 1974

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