

Heritage Trust Advisory Board
Tentative Business Meeting Agenda
9:00 am.m - October 29, 1981
Conference Room - Ft. Johnson Marine Center, Charleston

- I. Call to Order
- II. Consideration of the August 6th meeting minutes
- III. Capers Island Management Plan
- IV. Update on archaeological, historical, and natural areas protection projects:
 - a) Ms. Fant: Ashley River Road
 - b) S. Greeter: Healing Springs
 - c) S. Greeter: Pocollet River Soapstone Outcrops
 - d) Comments on the Protection Projects Status Report
- V. Consideration of Huntington Beach State Park protection project documentation
- VI. Consideration of the Woods Bay registration agreement
- VII. Update on nongame tax checkoff public relations effort
- VIII. HTAB members manual
- IX. Budget, cultural areas, and natural areas committees' responsibilities
- X. Adjournment

S. C. Heritage Trust Advisory Board
Thursday, October 29, 1981
Fort Johnson Marine Center, Charleston

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Walter T. Ahearn (rep. Mr. Kilian)
Mr. Fred P. Brinkman
Mrs. Ethel Jane Bunting (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Ed Burgess
Dr. Vic Burrell
(Representing Dr. James A. Timmerman, Jr.)
Dr. Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr., (Chairman)
Mr. Charles E. Lee
Dr. Robert L. Lumpkin
Mr. Henry Savage
Dr. Robert L. Stephenson
Mr. Gurdon Tarbox
Rep. Daniel E. Winstead



MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Wade T. Batson
Mrs. Claudette Cureton
Mr. Rudy Mancke
Sen. Arthur Ravenel
Mr. Pat Walker

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Bennett, SCWMRD
Tom Murphy, SCWMRD
Will Lacey
Stuart Greeter, SCWMRD
Tom Kohlsaat, SCWMRD
Jim Sorrow, SCWMRD
Phil Wilkinson, SCWMRD
John Reid Clonts, PRT
Dr. Doug Rayner, SCWMRD
Sally Hopkins, SCWMRD
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Williamson
John Cely, SCWMRD
Bill Mahan, SCWMRD
W. B. McCaskill, SCWMRD
Cpt. Boo Lachicotte, SCWMRD
Ms. LaBruce S. Alexander, SC TNC

Chairman Gauthreaux called the October 28th meeting to order and introduced several guests. Included were Mr. Bill Mahan, Mr. Will Lacey, Dr. Vic Burrell, Mr. Watson McCaskill, and Ms. Doris Akers. Dr. Gathreaux expressed gratitude to the Marine Center personnel for the use of the facilities and Mrs. Akers for the excellent luncheon.

The minutes of the August 6th meeting were approved with one correction. On the last page, an asterisk will be placed beside Dr. Roger Stroup's name and a footnote will be added as follows: "Pending Approval of Mr. Sennema."

Capers Island Management Plan

Tom Kohlsaat passed out a booklet on Capers Island and a list of management considerations and introduced Will Lacey. Mr. Lacey described the existing management plan for Capers Island and use activities before and after acquisition by the Wildlife Department. Measures taken to protect the island were discussed and examples of use for educational, research, and recreational purposes were covered. The problem of estimating use levels was pointed out and Mr. McCaskill said he could make spot checks on weekends during high use periods to get a general idea of recreational use levels. The Marine Resources Division has spent approximately \$100,000 managing Capers Island over a seven year period.

Steve Bennett discussed the management consideration listed on the handout, which included: 1) management responsibilities, 2) facilities; 3) Fire control, 4) control of animal populations, 5) educational and recreational activities, 6) public access, and 7) research. Mr. Ahearn mentioned that the Forestry Commission may be able to help extinguish a fire on Capers Island without the necessity of fire breaks. Limiting use during periods of high risk also was discussed. Allowing natural fires to burn out on their own accord was also considered. Advisory Board members were asked to send any additional comments they had regarding management consideration to Tom Kohlsaar.

Protection Project Updates

1. Mr. Lee commented on the Ashley River Road project and Mr. Brinkman mentioned that Dorchester State Park may be tied into the Ashley River Road project via a foot bridge across the river.
2. Stuart Greeter pointed out that additional information needs to be collected regarding Healing Springs in order to determine the land area that should be acquired to ensure protection of the artesian aquifer.
3. Property ownership information is needed for the Pacolet River Soapstone Outcrops.
4. The Attorney General's Office has written the Advisory Board indicating that Bird Key- Stono is owned by the State. Mr. Greeter will proceed to contact the Budget and Control Board in an effort to dedicate Bird Key- Stono.

Huntington Beach State Park

Stuart Greeter presented the documentation for Huntington Beach State Park, an area which is significant primarily due to its least tern rookery. Mr. Brinkman passed out information on the State Park and a letter to Representative John Napier indicating pressures to construct an access road in the critical area. Mr. Gurdon Tarbox also described the significance of the area and pressures to provide access and facilities. John Clonts outlined the area proposed for registration on a map. The Advisory Board approved Huntington Beach for the approved projects list.

Woods Bay Registration Agreement

Stuart Greeter presented the Advisory Board with the Woods Bay registration agreement, which had already been approved by the S. C. Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission. Mr. Brinkman and John Clonts commented on the project and the Board approved the registration.

Mountain Bridge

Dr. Gauthreaux pointed out that comments from the Mountain Bridge public hearing in Greenville are included in the information packet sent to Advisory Board members.

Nongame Tax Checkoff Update

Tom Kohlsaas detailed some of the staff activities to publicize the tax checkoff program and passed out recently printed brochures and bumper stickers. The staff is presenting ten to fifteen slide shows every month and also setting up a display at shopping malls and festivals in small towns. A booth was manned for ten days during the State Fair. A television spot has been completed and will be hand delivered to stations in the State to be used as a public service announcement.

Anyone interested in obtaining checkoff T-shirts should contact Sam Phillips in the Heritage Trust Office. Money for the shirts must be obtained in advance and an order will be sent in when an adequate number of requests is compiled.

More newspaper coverage is needed and Advisory Board members were asked to help staff out with contacts. Brochures and bumper stickers are also available to HTAB members; and any groups interested in the slide presentation should be asked to contact staff.

HTAB Members Manual

Stuart Greeter passed out HTAB members manuals which include copies of HTP legislation, a membership roster, by-laws, protection projects list, general information and a space for the 5-year review. Members were asked to insert mail-out materials in these notebooks and bring them to future meetings. The format for listing protection projects will be altered in the future to a more convenient system that can easily be updated.

Committees

Dr. Gauthreaux passed out a listing of the responsibilities of the budget, natural areas, and cultural areas committees. Staff liaisons should be appointed for each committee and will serve as the driving force behind the groups. Their first responsibility will be to see that a chairperson is elected. The committees will be expected to give a progress report at the HTAB meetings.

Other Business

Mr. Ahearn passed out applications to nominate individuals for the S. C. Wildlife Federation's Annual Conservation Achievement Awards.

Mrs. Bunting recommended a book entitled Time of the Turtle by John Rudnick, Penguin paperbacks, 1980.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.