

Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board (hereafter known as the Board) was held on Thursday, April 19, 2007 in the Conference Room of Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. Steve Riley (Chair) | Ms. Gloria Cartwright |
| Mr. York Glover | Mr. Malcolm Goodridge |
| Mr. Ray Tudor | Ms. Dorothy Giddens |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Mr. Allen Ward | Mr. Pete Dawson | Mr. Ed Pappas |
| Mr. Emory Campbell | Mr. Andy Shapiro | |

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Skeet Von Harten, Vice Chairman, County Council
Ms. Laura Von Harten, County Council
Mr. John Holloway - Natural Resources Planner, Beaufort County Planning
Mr. John Miller, PALS
Ms. Charlotte Hiles, Planning Assistant
Mr. Frederick Lewis, Mr. Glenn Stanford, Mr. Raleigh West - Trust for Public Land (TPL)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Riley called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the agenda. One agenda item was added for discussion, Parks for People. Chairman Riley asked for a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Tudor made motion, with Mr. York seconding, to accept the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the March 8, 2007 Board meeting. Hearing none, Chairman Riley asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2007 Board meeting. Mr. Goodridge made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2007 Board meeting; Mr. Tudor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Update on Board member appointment process--

Mr. Holloway updated the Board on appointments: Mr. Pappas was newly appointed for the Okatie area. There are two outstanding appointments for Mr. Campbell's (Councilman Bear's district) and Mr. Ward's (Councilman Newton's district) Board positions.

Officer Elections—

Motion from Mr. Goodridge to defer the election to a future meeting when all Board members are present; Ms. Cartwright seconded and vote was unanimous.

New Agenda Item: Parks for People – TPL Initiative

Discussion on “Parks for People” concept

- Passive parks development for present properties and any future properties
- TPL presented idea re: group to assist (facilitate with recommendations) with design, development and maintenance (citizens & staff)
- Five members – 3 from Board and 2 at large citizens (probably PALS Board)
- Any interest or volunteers from Board would be welcomed
- Planning will check with the Clerk to Council regarding the formation of this committee

Mr. Skeet Von Harten voiced concern that all necessary parties are involved; i.e., Public Works, PALS, for budgeting reasons and to ensure that County staff assist with the group.

Citizen Input:

Mr. Tommy Logan would like to distribute information on property of interest for Executive Session. (Info distributed to Board members in Executive Session.)

Chairman Riley added one more additional item to agenda – on behalf of the Board members, Mr. Riley presented to Mr. John Holloway a commendation for his dedicated service to the Board. (applaud, applaud)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Riley entertained a motion by Mr. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Giddens, to adjourn the open session at 3:25 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters associated with property acquisitions. The vote was unanimous to enter into Executive Session.

The Board re-entered open session at 5:10 p.m.

The following to be presented to Land Management Committee:

Ms. Cartwright made a motion; seconded by Mr. Tudor, to recommend to the Land Management Committee of County Council to pursue acquisition of Property H as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Goodridge made a motion; seconded by Ms. Giddens, to recommend to the Land Management Committee of County Council to pursue acquisition of Property C as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Riley entertained a motion at 5:12pm from Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Tudor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Submitted by: Charlotte Hiles, Planning Assistant

Approved: _____
Stephen G. Riley – Chairman, Beaufort County Rural and Critical
Lands Preservation Board