SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY CORRIDOR REVIEW BOARD (CRB) MINUTES

September 4, 2013, Bluffton Library 120 Palmetto Way, Bluffton, SC 29910

Members Present: Joe Hall, James Atkins, Daniel Ogden, Ed Pinckney, Pearce Scott

Staff Present: Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Long Range Planner

Guests: Andy Harper, Court Atkins Architects; William Court, Court Atkins Architects

1. CALL TO ORDER – 3:00 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

- 3. MINUTES: Mr. Ogden motioned to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013 Southern Corridor Review Board Meeting. Mr. Scott seconded. Motion carried with James Atkins abstaining.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Edward Jones at the Old Barrel Landing School Building: Mr. Atkins recused himself. Mr. Merchant gave the project background. He said that at the August 21 CRB meeting, the Board supported lowering the height of the addition by 24 inches; they agreed to the use of board and batten siding for the addition as long as it was painted a contrasting color; they requested a perspective drawing that would better illustrate the impact of the addition to the schoolhouse; they said that additional landscaping should be minimal and low around the foundation of the building and along the ramp and walkways; additional walkways should have historic materials such as brick and crushed granite; and discouraged the use of louvers under the schoolhouse building. He said that it was staff's determination that the applicant had met the Board's previous comments and that staff recommended approval.

William Court of Court Atkins Architects presented for the applicant. He said that the height of the addition was lowered 24 inches. They chose to keep the board and batted siding for the addition but propose to blend it into the background with a grey color. Mr. Court said that they have submitted a landscaping plan meeting the Board's comments.

Mr. Ogden asked about the lighting fixture cutsheet that was included in the submittal. Mr. Court said that it was an emergency lighting fixture proposed for over the entrance. He said that no other exterior lighting fixtures are proposed. Mr. Ogden asked about matching the proportion of the old windows with the new windows. Mr. Court said that keeping the proportions of the old windows would make the proposed windows on the addition too large, so they remained with 4 divided lights over 4 divided lights.

Mr. Pinckney commented that the tapered walkway next to the handicap parking space may pose a tripping hazard. Mr. Court said that the walkway was existing, and that the tapering occurred beyond the length of the parking space and will not affect use of the walkway. Mr. Pinckney also commented that the long white fence should have low shrubs planted in front. He said that the plantings should not be continuous, but in clusters.

Mr. Scott motioned to give the project final approval with the following condition:

• The landscaping plan shall be revised to provide low shrubs in front of the white fence in clusters.

Mr. Pinckney seconded. Motion carried.

- 6. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Hall informed the Board that the next scheduled meeting was Wednesday, September 18 at the Bluffton Library. Mr. Merchant said that he would inform the Board if there was an agenda item for the September 18 meeting.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.