

## Historic Aiken Foundation

### September 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes Aiken County Historical Museum

Board Members Present: Bill Brockington, Owen Clary, Jim Farmer, Ross Culligan, Lynne Harrison, Kathleen McClure, Roy McLain, Colleen Reed, Deedee Vaughters.

Guests Present: Martin Buckley, Lucy Knowles  
Old Aiken Hospital Preservation Project

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** The minutes of July 20, 2010 were approved as presented.

#### **I. Support for Preservation of Old Aiken Hospital Building**

Lucy Knowles and Martin Buckley updated the board on the status of the Old Hospital Building currently houses Aiken County offices. Aiken County is the property owner. Knowles and Buckley solicited Historic Aiken Foundation support to keep part of the building in tact. They asked board members to study the issue and take a public position.

**Motion:** Following discussion, Jim Farmer moved to support an Historic Aiken Foundation board member attending the upcoming Design Review Board meeting at the city and speak in favour of maintaining and renovating the hospital's façade.

The motion passed.

Clery abstained and Culligan and McLain dissented.

#### **III Old Business**

##### **A. Gregg Buttery Update**

Clery informed board members that legal papers are being drawn up deeding the buttery structure from the current owner to HAF. The buttery will be relocated on Aiken County Historical Museum property. It could then be deeded to the Museum if agreed to by both parties.

##### **B. Coker Spring Update**

A full update will be given at a later date when Elliot Levy is present. Culligan stated that at this time the city will be providing the manpower to construct a fence around the spring when it is moved. If necessary, HAF could pay for fencing materials.

##### **C. Williams Cemetery Update**

Workdays for board members to clean the site will be announced.

##### **D. Board Member Dues**

McLain said there are three outstanding and he will contact them.

### **E. Corporate Donor Program**

All full report will be given by Robert Stack when he returns to Aiken.

## **II. New Business**

### **A. Annual Meeting – Date Selection & Speaker Nomination**

Date: Saturday, January 29, 2011

Speaker: Erik Emerson,

Executive Director, South Carolina Department of Archives &  
History

Site: TBA

### **Gaston Livery Stable**

Colleen Reed presented members with information on a derelict livery stable that may possibly be worth saving. A feasibility study must be prepared to determine its status. The cost of the study is \$600. \$300 has already been collected from a group of concerned citizens for this purpose. Reed asked for \$300 to complete the study.

**Motion:** Cleary moved to appropriate \$300 to complete funding for an engineering feasibility study for the livery stable located on Richland Avenue, past the Motor Vehicle Department at the east end of town.

Vaughters seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Committee Reports**

**Membership:** McLain reported that current paid memberships is 65 – 70. Rossie has resigned as committee chair as she is working fulltime out of town. Reed and Harrison will co-chair a campaign to phone lapsed members.

**Awards:** Photos of draft nominees for the annual 2011 awards were circulated. Additional nominations and/or comments are solicited. Stack will continue to pursue and update.

**Publicity:** Farmer is working on a newsletter. Harrison volunteered to assist.

**Book Inventory:** McLain reported that a slow but steady amount of books are being purchased.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting: November 16, 2010