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Minutes February 25, 2018

Attendance:

Members present: Carol Kososki, Charles Weber, John Grego, Virginia Sanders, Jim Thomas, Sam Holland, Margaret DuBard, and Glenice Pearson via telephone

Absent: Jennifer Carter, Lee Rambo
District 7 Vacant

Others present:

Quinton Epps, Conservation Division
Nancy Stone-Collum, Conservation Division
Charlie Fisher, Conservation Division
Ken Driggers, Legal Counsel
Tracy Hegler, Community Planning & Development Department
Meghan Sullivan, Community Planning & Development Department
Colleen Bozard, CC Bozard Consulting
Anne Sinclair, CC Bozard Consulting

Chair Carol Kososki welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm without a quorum.

Report of the Chair

Carol passed around a *Columbia Star* news article that began with County Council's proclamation honoring Becky Bailey for 19 years of dedication and service to RCCC. John Grego mentioned the policy of planting a tree in Becky's honor. The Conservation Committee is charged with deciding where to plant the tree.

Treasurer's Report

Virginia Sanders referred everyone to the financial reports in their packets. Carol said the new budget report showing funding sources was a great addition. Carol directed staff to obtain RCCC's fund balance from the Finance Department June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Quorum reached with Glenice via telephone

Strategic Plan

Colleen Bozard explained the draft strategic plan is the result of several steps that culminated with RCCC's retreat where goals and strategies were developed. Staff and the Planning Committee have commented on the plan. Once the strategic plan is adopted, operational plans for yearly implementation will be provided to the various committees to complete. Glenice Pearson asked how Ken's memo on Dr. Donaldson's report was addressed; Colleen replied that Goal 2 incorporated most of his points. Glenice stated she'd like for RCCC to consider its role in telling the county's history and that the ordinance may need to be revisited. Carol said she thought the strategic plan should be reviewed at least quarterly. She congratulated Bozard Consulting on doing a wonderful job and said she was very pleased with the established goals.

Anne Sinclair suggested setting a deadline for the operational plans, carefully considering what is realistic to accomplish. For example, creating baseline data this year would be an important first step. Charles Weber asked if the plan was a one-shot plan (at the end of five years, create a new plan) or a rolling plan (at the end of a year, adding another year so there is always a five-year period). Colleen replied that at the end of the five years, another plan should be developed.

John made a motion seconded by Jim Thomas to accept the final draft of the strategic plan. Motion carried unanimously. Tracy added that the strategic plan is complimentary to the Renaissance Plan. RCCC will receive the operational plan format within the next week. Anne said she will be meeting with the Conservation District and RCCC to discuss potential synergies. The strategic plan will be sent to Administration and Council for information.

Executive Session

Charles made a motion seconded by Virginia to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters regarding Pinewood Lake Park Foundation (PLPF).

Charles made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Virginia seconded the motion which carried. No actions were taken in Executive Session.

Charles made a motion seconded by Sam Holland to approve the memorandum to Richland County Council from RCCC titled Pinewood Lake Facility – Phase 2. Virginia and Ken Driggers clarified the RCCC position is that county ownership of the dam and its repair should be the top priority for Phase 2 expenses. The motion was approved unanimously.

Charles moved to approve the document titled Statement of Operations Pinewood Lake Facility. The memo set out the basis for how RCCC will manage the park as instructed by County Council. Virginia informed RCCC she cannot go along with this motion due to its unfairness to PLPF. Glenice also asked for a statement showing compassion for the organization. Charles raised a point of order that this was not a time for discussion since the motion hadn't been seconded. John seconded the motion. Discussion continued. In response to a request for a cover letter for PLPF, John pointed out instances of accounting irregularities and that they'd received hundreds of thousands of dollars to run the park the last three years.

Charles called for the question and then asked for a division vote. A show of hands resulted in six in favor with Virginia and Glenice abstaining.

Charles then made a motion to approve the proposed Agreement between Richland County, SC and PLPF; Jim Thomas seconded the motion. John indicated he felt the language was stronger than normal but was needed due to confusion about roles and responsibilities. Virginia was distressed with the treatment of PLPF in the agreement. Charles called for the question. Six members voted to approve the motion with Virginia opposed and Glenice abstaining. Charles took a point of personal privilege to say these votes provided much needed clarity and leave room to move forward and to improve things. Today's votes were important to protect RCCC. He challenged members to be open and sensitive to those things we can do better going forward.

Nancy provided committee grant applications and will provide dates for the presentations and evaluation. She reminded members of the Hollywood-Rose Hill plaque unveiling on Tuesday and the legislative reception on Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Fisher, Administrative Assistant