

Minutes
Historic Preservation Review Board
January 18, 2018
Executive Conference Room - County Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Webb called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beekman Webb, Chairman
Katrina Epps
Sally Murphy
Natalie Hefter

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Browne

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Planning Department

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS: Penn Center Fence, St. Helena Island, SC

Dr. Rodell Lawrence presented for the applicant. He said that there are a lot of things going on at Penn Center, including the completion of a muscadine grape farm and an aquaponics greenhouse. Dr. Lawrence said that the Penn Center Board approached him about putting up a fence for safety reasons. He said that there were 170 kids at Penn Center for the summer program for 2017, and that they hope to have 200 kids the summer of 2018. Penn Center wants the fence on both sides of the road. The current portion of the proposed fence would be on the west side of the road. The fence would start at Frisell Hall to pick up where the existing fence comes perpendicular to the road. The fence would extend down to the southern property line. There will be two gates - one in the middle at Penn Center Circle West and at the National Monument. Eventually there will be four gates and two long fences on both sides of the road. The fence will be approximately 20 feet from the road. The fence will be behind the large live oaks along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. No trees will be removed. A gate is also needed on Ballpark Road entrance. Ms. Murphy asked if the applicant may want to consider the fence with a straight bar on the top. She is worried about the deer getting impaled on the finials. Mr. Webb said that it would make it easier for a human to climb.

Ms. Murphy motioned to accept the fence as presented. Ms. Epps seconded. Ms. Hefter asked if we wanted to specify a style. Ms. Murphy wanted to leave it up to what is best for Penn Center. Ms. Murphy amended her motion to allow for either style. Ms. Epps seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mr. Webb adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.