

Minutes
Historic Preservation Review Board
January 21, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Noah Krepps, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Long-Range Planner, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katrina Epps, Vice Chairman
Sally Murphy
Cheryl Steele
Kathryn Mixon
Katherine Pringle

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Natalie Hefter, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Acting Director
Noah Krepps, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Long Range Planner
Diane McMaster, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Senior Administrative Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items):

None.

MINUTES:

The Vice Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes presented. Ms. Sally Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Katherine Pringle, to approve the June 18, 2020, minutes as submitted. There was unanimous approval from Board members.

Those in attendance recognized Rosalyn Browne for her service during her Historic Preservation Review Board tenure. Ms. Browne resigned her position effective 01/14/21.

NEW BUSINESS: St. Luke's United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Addition

The applicant is St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Architect: Sam McCleskey, McCleskey and Associates Architects PA The Church is located at 3080 Okatie Highway, Okatie, SC.

Beaufort County Planning Staff neither approves nor denies the proposed construction project. Staff stated that consideration should be given to the historic tombstones as well as the design and materials selected.

The Church's Building Committee is proposing to construct a 446-square-foot addition to its existing fellowship hall with no plans to alter the historic church structure. It was noted that the Church has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1987. Ms. Katherine Pringle stated that she was under the impression the entire parcel was listed on the National Registry.

Mr. Sam McCleskey and Mr. Jim Seymore, St. Luke's UMC Building Committee Chairman, answered questions and shared construction details with the Board. Board members expressed concern regarding construction and the close proximity to tombstones, unmarked grave sites, and the historic Church itself. Ms. Katrina Epps suggested Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) be used prior to construction.

Ms. Katherine Pringle made a motion to adopt and approve the proposed construction, seconded by Ms. Cheryl Steele. The motion contained one (1) stipulation as follows: The Board would adopt and approve the proposed project with a strong recommendation that a form of ground surveying, GPR, be used prior to construction. There was unanimous approval from Board members.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Katrina Epps adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.