

Minutes
Historic Preservation Review Board
August 5, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Natalie Hefter, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Natalie Hefter, Chairman
Katrina Epps, Vice Chairman
Sally Murphy
Cheryl Steele

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kathryn Mixon (abstaining)
Katherine Pringle

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Acting Director
Juliana Smith, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Long Range Planner
Stefanie Nagid, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Passive Parks Manager
Chris DiJulio-Cook Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Senior Administrative Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items):

None.

MINUTES:

The Chairman asked if there were any comments or amendments to the minutes; there were none. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS: Fort Fremont History Center Naming Request

The applicants, the Friends of Fort Fremont, are requesting the new History Center be named in honor of the late Pete Richards. The History Center is located at the Fort Fremont Preserve, 1126 Lands End Road, Saint Helena Island, SC

Acting Director Rob Merchant and the Beaufort County Planning Staff pointed out that the proposed naming of the Pete Richards History Center is not consistent with Beaufort County's policy statement for naming and renaming landmarks. There is also concern for confusion to out-of-town visitors to the center.

Several members of the Friends of Fort Fremont including Ray Rollings, Marian Rollings, Dennis Cannady, and Wendy Wilson, read prepared statements and spoke in favor of their petition to rename the History Center after Pete Richards.

Ms. Stefanie Nagid, Beaufort County Passive Parks Manager, spoke against naming it the Pete Richards History Center and in favor of, instead, naming it The Fort Fremont History Center in Memory of Pete Richards.

Ms. Hefter stated she was in agreement with the compromise and asked if there were any further comments on the matter. Mr. Rollings stated the Friends of Fort Fremont were agreeable to Ms. Nagid's suggested name.

Chairman Hefter asked for a motion for the proposed name change. Ms. Sally Murphy motioned to accept the name The Fort Fremont History Center in Memory of Earl Peter Richards. Ms. Cheryl Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Natalie Hefter adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.