

Minutes
Historic Preservation Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

June 23, 2009

Attending:

Committee Members

Jenny Lynn Bradley, Acting Chairman
Joe Hatfield
Ray Lambert
Bob Rutland
Loyce Turner
Philip Watt
Bill Carruth, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Bill Archer
Earl Barrs
Warren Budd
Walter Hudson
Phyllis Johnson
Jim Walters
Tom Wheeler

Visitors

Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation
Phil Zinsmeister, Sierra Club
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Tas Smith, Georgia Farm Bureau
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Shana Udvardy, Georgia Conservancy
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Jim Stokes, Sustainable Solutions of Georgia
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia

Staff Members

Chris Clark
Carol Couch
Paul Burkhalter
Todd Holbrook
Susan Shipman
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Ray Luce
Marlin Gottschalk
Karl Burgess
John Bowers
Jim Ozier
Steve Saunders
Dave Crass
Jac Capp
Richard Swanson
Emily Hitchcock
Lauren Curry
Doralyn Kirkland
Lindsey Young
Jim Ussery
Steve Friedman
Mike Harris
Brad Gane
Alexandra Cleary
Richard Strickfaden
Lon Revall
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

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Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation
Shirl Parsons, Georgia Wildlife Federation
Nate Hunt, Southern Environmental Law Center

The June 23, 2009 meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Bill Carruth. Chairman Carruth called on Jenny Lynn Bradley, Acting Chairman of the Committee in the absence of Jim Tysinger.

Mrs. Bradley called on Ray Luce, Director of Historic Preservation Division (HPD) for a briefing on HPD activities.

Dr. Luce stated that his PowerPoint presentation had been originally prepared for the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, giving an outline of the accomplishments of HPD for the year 2008. He further stated that HPD implements a joint program with both federal and state agencies, including the National Park Service.

Dr. Luce stated that HPD provides the tools to local communities to address their preservation needs. He further stated that the first step in this process is conducting surveys, and that there are over 133,000 properties identified through the survey program. He added that HPD partners with Georgia Transmission and the University of Georgia to conduct the survey program and that 3,000 properties had been surveyed in 2008.

Dr. Luce stated that 1,988 listings had been made to the National Register of Historic Places to date throughout the state; and that in 2008, 33 nominations from 25 counties in Georgia had been received.

Dr. Luce stated that 62 projects totaling \$48 million in tax credits and tax freezes were approved in 2008. He further stated that HPD was able to award many Georgia Heritage Grants and Certified Local Government Grants.

Dr. Luce stated that HPD had performed 4,000 environmental reviews in 2008, with a majority of them having no adverse affect.

Dr. Luce stated that HPD staffer Jeanne Cyriaque is the new advisor for Georgia for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He further stated that Georgia is number two in the nation for the Certified Local Government program. He added that there are currently 340 farms listed on the Georgia Centennial Farms Program and that last year 13 farms from 13 counties had been added.

Dr. Luce stated that HPD staffer Richard Cloues received the state AIA bronze medal, which is the highest award given from the American Institute of Architects.

Dr. Luce stated that HPD's underwater archaeologist has uncovered a series of artifacts from the 1740s at Sunbury.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.