

## Minutes of the History Commission's

### Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. It was attended by Commissioner Inez Brown-Crouch, History Commissioner/Chairperson Paul Hedden, Mayor Bill Woolsey, Ms. Kathy Woolsey, Commissioner Martha Bracken, and Dr. June P. Murray.

Following the "Moment of Silence" the meeting began with

#### **"Old Business":**

Beginning with an update of and discussion on what was identified as the History Commission's "first project", "the last battle of the American Revolutionary War" which has been researched and believed to have been fought on James Island, South Carolina. Mr. Hedden shared that he had written an article concerning this battle for the JiMessenger, to be included in the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 issue.

Some discussion followed concerning the price of a marker, the type of marker to be used for any historic markers chosen by the Commission, and where to place the markers. Discussion was also focused on the Pinckney Park site as a marker placement. No final decisions were made.

#### **"New Business":**

Some discussion ensued related to the Draft Dr. Murray had prepared in an effort to provide some structure and organization to the History Commission, meetings format, Bi-laws, officers, and general roles of the members. Questions were discussed included how would historic sites be determined, would there be a vote by the Commissioners for requested sites, and who would be responsible for working on developing the research, presenting the findings to the Commission, and following through with planning for a marker to be established. It was agreed upon that:

- a. There was no need for a set of Bi-laws for the Commission to follow – Mayor Woolsey stated the History Commission should operate in a “loose unstructured fashion”;
- b. Roles of the Officers were thought to be fairly clear;
- c. There would be two officers: a Chairperson, currently Paul Hedden, and a Recording Secretary – Dr. June Murray was nominated by Ms. Brown-Crouch, and she accepted; Mayor Woolsey was appointed as Liaison to the Town Council; their terms of service were not specified with regard to length of terms;
- d. Questions concerning the History Commission’s budget were deferred, however, Mayor Woolsey suggested that “when needed, within reason, money would be available” – especially for historic markers but maybe only one per year, and for operating costs.

In Summary – it was decided that each member of the Commission would be responsible for identifying a site they were interested in seeing a historic marker placed, would do the research required to meet the requirements of the State of SC History Office, as well as the local History Commission in Charleston, SC., and present their research findings to the James Island History Commission; although a question was posed - it remained unclear as to whether or not there would be a vote by the active History Commission members as to the appropriateness of the site. Further discussion may ensue on this topic.

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.