Smithfield 2020 Notes from project team meeting of August 3, 2011

Present:

Jim AbichtSheila GwaltneyLisa PerryRick BodsonMark HallJudy Winslow

Margaret Carroll Randy Pack John Edwards Russell Parrish

Admin / information

With the enactment of the enabling Town ordinance, the golf cart initiative has been promoted to "Complete". At a future date and as appropriate, a new 2020 initiative will be considered to champion to the Town Council additional cart-authorized areas.

Project updates

Public art / porcine statuary (Concept defined) – Information about the initiative was presented to the Board of Historic and Architectural Review and to the Town Council Public Buildings & Welfare Committee and was received very positively by both. Several project issues are being worked to resolution this month in anticipation of requesting approval from BHAR in September. The project has been promoted to In Development as activities are now focused on implementation.

Façades improvement (In Devt) – The grant guidelines have been revised to specify that the funded project must complete within six months. Olde World Tea Company will be advised that their grant commitment is being withdrawn, though a re-submission will be given due consideration. Margaret Carroll volunteered to re-submit a grant application for the second phase of the Ice Cream Parlor façade improvements. A new application was submitted for landscape work to soften the expanse of the east wall of 319 Main; BHAR has reviewed and approved and the 2020matching grant task team recommends approval. By unanimous vote, with Mark Hall abstaining, the matching grant request by 319 Main LLC was approved.

17 East Main Street / demolition by neglect – The issue was presented to BHAR with a request for deliberate legal action to compel the building owner to prevent further demolition by neglect. The issue will continue to be pursued periodically with BHAR to encourage action.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 8:30 AM, Arts Center @ 319.

These meeting notes submitted by Rick Bodson.