

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
MAY 14, 2013 – 2:00 P.M.
PARKING SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
820 WASHINGTON STREET**



Member of the Columbia City Council conducted an Arts & Historic Preservation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in the Parking Services Conference Room, 820 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Committee chair The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The Honorable Sam Davis and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman were present. The Honorable Leona K. Plough non-committee member was also present.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

1. World War II Museum Visual Arts Concept – Mr. Marvin Chernoff

Mr. Marvin Chernoff apprised the committee on his idea to create a World War II Museum using the University of South Carolina's Fox Movietones video footage. This footage was shot all around the world from Pearl Harbor to Normandy, Africa and Japan. He has spoken with the University of South Carolina, the Convention Center and other entities and they have all expressed a deep interest in pursuing this idea.

Councilor Davis asked about a possible location for this museum. He suggested that it be kept at the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Marvin Chernoff, added that there are several locations that could house the museum such as the Palmetto Compress Building or some unused space at the State Museum.

There was a consensus of the committee to have Mr. Marvin Chernoff form an exploratory committee to gauge public/private interest in pursuing this project. Mr. Chernoff will update the committee once that is done.

2. Hospitality Tax Funding for Legacy Projects

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer updated the committee on the estimated costs and proceeds for a Hospitality Bond. See [attachment](#).

The committee developed the criteria for a legacy project. Projects that are collaborative in nature, using both private and public funds; has a return on investment; and would be a catalyst for economic development could be considered a legacy project.

Councilor Runyan suggested that a committee be formed and tasked with determining which projects would be considered legacies.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer reminded the committee that the list of projects would need to be outlined by the time the bond is issued. The timeframe for creating a bond could take a few months. Depending on what is allowable with hospitality funds might determine if the bond is tax exempt or taxable.

There was a consensus of the committee to have the Legal Department draft the definition of legacy project and how hospitality funds can be legally used. Staff will also look into the other benefits associated with funding legacy projects and what additional costs that might be incurred, i.e. maintenance costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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