



Town of Hilton Head Island
Planning Commission
Our Plan Workshop with Town Council
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Present from the Commission: Chairman Peter Kristian, Vice Chairman Lavon Stevens, Leslie McGowan, Mark O'Neil, Alan Perry, Michael Scanlon, Todd Theodore, Stephen Alfred

Absent from the Commission: None

Present from Town Council: Mayor John McCann, Marc Grant, Bill Harkins, David Ames, Tamara Becker, Tom Lennox, Glenn Stanford

Present from Town Staff: Shawn Colin, Director of Community Development; Anne Cyran, Senior Planner; Taylor Ladd, Senior Planner; Teri Lewis, Deputy Director of Community Development; Rene Phillips, Website Administrator; Jennifer Ray, Deputy Director of Community Development; Stephen Ryan, Staff Attorney; Krista Wiedmeyer, Executive Assistant/Town Clerk; Eileen Wilson, Senior Administrative Assistant; Teresa Haley, Senior Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kristian called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. FOIA Compliance – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3. Roll Call – See as noted above.

4. Our Plan Discussion

Chairman Kristian welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented opening remarks on the Our Plan discussion. Ms. Ladd presented various aspects of the Our Plan beginning with the process and compliance with State requirements, the Our Plan structure and layout, community alignment, and managing the process. Mr. Carstens presented statements on the Our Plan Development Team's work throughout the process.

Chairman Kristian opened the discussion to members of Town Council and members of the Commission. The Town Council Members and Commissioners made comments and inquiries regarding: the Gullah community should be featured more in the plan and have a section that speaks specifically to Gullah Geechee issues; more information on the Goodwill Church; many private pathways on the Island within gated communities are part of roadways and not separated paths; the pathway goals do not include references to safety; why Lowcountry Celebration Park is classified as a regional park; why a regional park is needed; best-in-class should be defined; more information is needed to identify how the recommendations and action items connect to the Parks and Recreation goals and to each other; the chapter on infrastructure should contain more support to the future reconstruction of the U.S. 278 bridge; why is pickleball not included in the NRPA park metrics; greenways should be considered in the pathways goal for Parks and Recreation; consider breaking down the goals, strategies,

and tactics into a condensed version; include a chart showing how the nine elements are cohesive; include reference to potable water source and capacity; recycling should be addressed in the plan; and some minor corrections to certain sections and pages were noted.

Ms. Ladd stated public comments concerning Our Plan were to be submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall portal. The portal closed at noon yesterday. All comments were provided to the Commission for review and made a part of the official record. Citizens were provided the option to comment on Our Plan during the meeting by phone. There was one request from a citizen to speak on Our Plan.

Chairman Kristian opened the meeting for public comments. Mr. Bob Soltys thanked the Commission, Town Staff, and various groups for their work on the Our Plan. Mr. Soltys, on behalf of the HHI Pickleball Club, presented statements in support of expanding pickleball play on the Island. Following the public comment, Chairman Kristian offered closing remarks and thanked all for participating in today's workshop.

5. Citizen Comments

Citizens who wanted to address the Commission on general Planning Commission business were to contact the Commission Secretary prior to noon yesterday. There were no requests from citizens to speak on general Commission business.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Submitted by: Teresa Haley, Secretary

Approved: September 16, 2020