

Town of Hilton Head Island

Parks & Recreation Commission Workshop Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present from the Commission: Ray Kisiah, *Chairman*; Jack Daly, *Vice Chairman*; Tom Dowling; Christina Kristian; Jerry Okarma; Joe Monmonier; William Zurilla

Absent from the Commission: none

Present from Town Council: Glen Stanford, David Ames

Present from Town Staff: Jennifer Ray, *Capital Program Manager*, Taylor Ladd, *Project Planner*, Eric Ladd, *Project Manager*, Chris Yates, *Interim Community Development Director*, Cindaia Ervin, *Finance Assistant*; Karen D. Knox, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kisiah called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. 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 requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

4. Mid-Island Community Park Project Overview & Discussion

Jennifer Ray, Capital Program Manager, opened the discussion to kick off the Mid-Island Initiative Area Project. She noted the project includes both preparation of a redevelopment strategy for the middle of our Island as well as plans for a new community park on the Town owned tract called the Mid-Island Tract. Ms. Ray introduced Mr. Brian Kinzelman, MKSK, Inc. to make his presentation.

Mr. Kinzelman started his presentation by reviewing the MKSK Team as well as the proposed scope of work and the schedule for the project. He reviewed the planning and design process, along with the redevelopment strategy and the park design.

Mr. Kinzelman advised the Commissioners that the Framework Plan should be completed late Winter or Early Spring, 2022 and they are looking to have the Park

Master Plan on the same timeline. He indicated keys to the project are the preservation of the environment, the interconnected network of trails, and connections to area neighborhoods and commercial development.

The Commissioners suggested the need for world class baseball fields, voiced their concern for traffic and parking accommodations for the area, the need for high quality facilities, the importance of being good neighbors and the need for pickleball courts, The Commissioners also agreed this project is one of the greatest park development projects in the southeast and shared high expectations for its development.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen D. Knox, Secretary

Approved: November 18, 2021