



Town of Hilton Head Island  
**Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**

Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present from the Committee:** Jim Fluker, *Chairman*; Stephen Arnold, *Vice-Chairman*; Cecile Eck, Margaret Johnson, John Farrell, Martin Lesch, and Keith Schlegel

**Absent from the Committee:** None

**Present from Town Council:** None

**Present from Town Staff:** Erica Madhere, *Budget Analyst*; and Shena Smith, *Finance Assistant*

**Present from the Media:** None

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. FOIA Compliance**

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

**3. Roll Call-** See as noted above.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Chairman Fluker requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as submitted and Mr. Arnold seconded. By show of hands, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

**5. Approval of Minutes-None**

**6. Appearance by Citizens**

Shena Smith, Committee Secretary, stated that comments concerning agenda items were to be submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall portal. The public comment period closed the day prior to the meeting at 4:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the Open Town Hall, there were no comments submitted and one citizen requested to speak to the Committee in person.

Mr. Skip Hoagland addressed the committee.

**7. Unfinished Business – None**

**8. New Business**

- a. Hearing of Applicants

The following applicants made presentations to the Committee during the morning session:

1. The Coastal Discovery Museum
2. Hilton Head Choral Society
3. Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
4. Hilton Head Dance Theatre
5. Hilton Head Wine & Food Inc.
6. Native Island Business Community Affairs Assoc.
7. Art League of Hilton Head
8. Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island
9. Gullah Roots Historical Foundation

The Committee broke for lunch at 12:45 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:23 p.m. During the afternoon session, the following applicants made presentations to the Committee.

10. Hilton Head Island Bridge Association
11. Hilton Head Island Recreation Association
12. TEDx Hilton Head
13. The Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island
14. Palmetto Quilt Guild
15. Hilton Head Island Land Trust
16. The First Tee of the Lowcountry
17. Shelter Cove Harbour Company
18. Lowcountry Golf Course Owner's Association
19. Harbour Town 4<sup>th</sup> of July

During the presentation of the First Tee of the Lowcountry and the Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association, Mr. Farrell disclosed a potential conflict of interest and did not participate. The required disclosure forms are on file.

## **9. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Fluker reminded the audience that the next meeting for reviews and recommendations would be Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## **10. Adjournment**

At 3:55 p.m. Mr. Fluker adjourned the meeting.

**Submitted by:** Shena Smith, Secretary

**Approved:** October 30, 2023