



**Town of Hilton Head Island
Community Services Committee Meeting**

March 24, 2015

9:00a.m.

BENJAMIN M. RACUSIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off/Silence All Mobile Devices During
the Town Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 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) **Unfinished Business**
None
- 4) **New Business**
 - a. Fair Housing Resolution – *Presented by: Marcy Benson*
 - b. Discussion of the mission for the Arts Initiative, the results of the Strategic Planning Session, and next steps to be taken.
- 5) **Adjournment**

Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if a majority of their
members attend this meeting.

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
Community Services Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2015
4:30p.m – Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

Members Present: Chairman Kim Likins, Lee Edwards, Marc Grant

Members Absent: None

Town Council Present: None

Town Staff Present: Charles Cousins, *Director Community Development*;
Jill Foster, *Deputy Director, Community Development*
Susan Simmons, *Director of Finance*
Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Likins called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. Freedom of Information Act 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. Unfinished Business

None

4. New Business

a. Development of an outline for an Arts Workshop

Chairman Likins introduced Ms. Sandy West, Principal at Lighthouse Consulting as the Facilitator for today's meeting. Ms. West provided an outline that would guide the Committee to define their Charter and recommend next steps.

Ms. West asked the Committee to define a Charter for this Committee as it relates to the arts.

Discussion among the Committee members:

- Collaboration, work in unity with all arts organizations for the community at large.
- Want to receive input from the arts community.
- Art groups would bring a plan to this Committee.
- What is the Town's role financially - based on funds the Town sets aside for the arts and how to be distributed.
- There needs to be a consensus on how we move forward.

- Arts go way beyond Hilton Head Island – regionally.
- How do we help or participate in marketing our arts community.
- Need a formal process to advocate new art events.
- Programming is an essential component for the arts.
- Hilton Head Island to be known as arts destination.

Ms. West asked the Committee to craft a sentence for their Charter as it relates to the arts.

Discussion among the Committee members:

- Facilitate collaboration among the arts community and they determine a plan for arts and present the plan and market it to residents and visitors.
- Multi-cultural or diverse - do not need either word - art is all inclusive whether it is the type of art or who is performing.
- Enrich lives of residents and guests.
- A successful plan brought to Town Council to accomplish these goals. Define a plan to bring to Town Council that they can endorse and support. The art groups would solve the conflicts or come up with solutions.

The role of this Committee is to facilitate collaboration and consensus among various art groups to ensure all round mutual success. Emphasize that Hilton Head Island should become an arts destination as the end goal. We want to convene and invite conversation to ensure mutual success.

Next steps:

The Committee will use the following steps to begin to put their Charter into action:

Convene participants from the community in a workshop environment.

Define a process for their input and who to invite; be as inclusive as possible.

Define the arts community.

The following are a compilation of comments from the public:

- Ms. Kathy Bateson, Chair of The Arts & Cultural Council of Hilton Head stated that they have 24 – 26 dues paying members and meet monthly. It is a collection of many performing and visual arts organizations, which along with museums, history organizations and other cultural entities, has been created to serve the Hilton Head Island, Bluffton, and Beaufort County region.

Ms. Bateson stated that they have a formal communication network that they would be happy to share with this Committee. The ACCHH's mission is to coordinate, promote, communicate and showcase the arts and cultural entities of the Hilton Head region.

Our purpose in coming together is to create an international arts destination, enriching the quality of cultural life throughout the area and to speak with one voice on cultural issues. One of our goals is how we can better market ourselves.

- Becoming an art destination will have positive economic impact for this area.

- What role should the Chamber of Commerce play in the arts; distinguish what that is and get their agreement on that.
- Compiling a history of arts of Hilton Head Island; all arts are welcome to join us. We are all inclusive.
- Community Vision spent 7 years and over \$100,000 developing information that will be helpful to this Committee's deliberations.
- How can we as a Town collaborate arts beyond Hilton Head Island?
- When this Committee invites input for an arts workshop, people who are interested in the arts but not part of any art organization should still have a voice.
- As part of this Committee's objectives, need to include proactive initiatives to bring new art into our community rather than wait for someone to bring ideas to us. We need to be bold and have vision and move ahead - be intentional.
- There is a lack of facilities that are adequate for the use by all of the art organizations. We are the only community that has no tax dollars from any source going to the arts.
- Collaboration is always important; to enrich and develop is to look outward. Do an economic study on the impact of arts on the economy.
- What is it you want in a plan? If the Town wants to be arts destination, then you have to become part of the arts group; what is collaboration and what is your part? What do you want to collaborate with us about?
- The Town's website should be the central point for the public to have access to view every event and activity taking place.

Chairman Likins stated that this Committee will establish a meeting schedule and distribute it to the public. Chairman Likins informed those in attendance that this Community Services Committee has been charged with many functions. This Committee's broad scope includes the arts, workforce housing and in the future possibly grants and road services. So each meeting will not be solely on arts.

Chairman Likins stated that this Committee will partner and work with organizations to support the arts in our community. Chairman Likins stated that this Committee will strive to accomplish great things together.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Wilson



TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Community Development Department

TO: Community Services Committee
VIA: Teri Lewis, *LMO Official*
VIA: Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*
FROM: Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator*
DATE March 9, 2015
SUBJECT: Fair Housing Resolution

Recommendation:

Staff requests the Community Services Committee recommend to Town Council approval of the attached Fair Housing Resolution.

Summary:

In order for the Town to participate in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program it is necessary to certify it will undertake an action to affirmatively further fair housing. By approving and advertising this resolution the Town will meet this program component. The attached resolution is modeled on a recommended format provided by the Lowcountry Council of Governments, which has been used previously by the Town.

Background:

April is recognized as National Fair Housing Month. In order to participate in the HUD CDBG Entitlement Program it is necessary for the Town to certify it supports the rights of all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status to fair housing opportunities. This resolution is one of the actions that will satisfy this program component. The attached resolution is consistent with resolutions adopted by Town Council in previous years for this effort.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC TO PROCLAIM APRIL, 2015 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and / or familial status in the sale, rental or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA DOES HEREBY DESIGNATE APRIL 2015 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

MOVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF April, 2015.

David Bennett, Mayor

Victoria L. Pfannenschmidt, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____