



**Town of Hilton Head Island  
Gullah-Geechee Land & Cultural  
Preservation Task Force Meeting**

**Monday, February 19, 2018 - 1:00p.m.**

**Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

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*As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting.*

- 1. Call to Order**
- 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. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes** – February 5, 2018 Meeting
- 5. Unfinished Business**
  - a) Resource Center Update
  - b) Center for Heirs Property Preservation Seminar
  - c) Request for Proposal (RFP) Progress
- 6. New Business**
  - a) Cultural District – Jenn McEwen, *Culture & Arts Network Director*
- 7. Appearance by Citizens**
- 8. Adjournment**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm – Quarterly report to Town Council
- Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm – Present recommendations to the Public Planning Committee of Town Council

*Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four or more of their members attend this meeting.*

*Please note that a quorum of Planning Commission may result if five or more of their members attend this meeting.*

## **Gullah-Geechee Land and Cultural Preservation Task Force**

### **Meeting Minutes**

February 5, 2018 - 1:00 PM

Council Chambers – Town Hall

Task Force Members present: Lavon Stevens (Chairman), Ibrahim Abdul-Malik, Joyce Wright, Shani Green, Caroline McVitty

Town Council Members present: Marc Grant

Community Development Staff present: Jayme Lopko, Teri Lewis, Nicole Dixon

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- Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.
- The agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting were accepted by general consent.
- Joyce Wright and Jayme Lopko gave an update on the progress regarding a Resource Center for Gullah information at Town Hall. A list of items to be included has been started and discussions on whether items should be hard copy or digital are ongoing. Additional discussions will be had regarding content and options for making information available digitally on the Town's website or creating a new website.
- Jayme Lopko informed the Task Force that the Center for Heirs Property Preservation seminar has been set up for Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm at St. James Baptist Church. Additionally, there will be a free oyster roast following the seminar (from 12-2pm at the Cherry Hill School) that has been sponsored by the Town, NIBCAA, and Volunteers in Medicine. Chairman Stevens encouraged all members of the Task Force to attend the seminar.
- Ibrahim Abdul-Malik gave an update on the progress of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Town to hire a consultant to investigate options to change the Land Management Ordinance (LMO) and possibly create a new base or overlay zoning district. These changes would be to address concerns from the Gullah community with regard to their ability to develop their properties and to preserve their culture.
- Chairman Stevens introduced Teri Lewis, LMO Official to discuss impact fees. Mrs. Lewis explained when the Town adopted impact fees, the last time they were updated, how they are calculated, and examples of how much Town and County impact fees would be for certain types of development. The Town ordinance is currently grandfathered in and cannot be changed any further without having to meet the requirements of the State impact fee code.
- Chairman Stevens opened the meeting for public comment and the following were received: what has Town impact fee money been spent on, are there any benefits to the State regulations, does money collected for Beaufort County impact fees come back to Hilton Head, are Hilton Head's fees similar to other municipalities, if the road is not paved can the fees be waived, and impact fee information should be included in the resource center and not buried in the LMO.
- Ms. Lewis will gather information to answer the questions raised and bring that information back to the Gullah Task Force at a future meeting.
- Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:14 PM.

Submitted by: Jayme Lopko

Meeting date: February 5, 2018