

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Date: July 3, 2012

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Members Present: George Williams, Kim Likins, Bill Ferguson

Members Absent: Bill Harkins

Staff Present: Steve Riley, Scott Liggett, Jill Foster, Shawn Colin, Julian Walls, Tom Fultz, Derrick Coaxum, Susan Simmons, Brian Hulbert, Erica Madhere,

Others Present: Ken Heitzke, *Councilman*, Randy Dolyniuk, *Mitchelville Preservation Project*, Frank Soule, *Island Recreation Association*

Media Present: Tom Barton, *The Island Packet*

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.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. Committee Business:

1. Approval of Minutes: June 5, 2012

Councilman Williams moved to approve the Minutes of June 5, 2012. Councilman Ferguson seconded. The Minutes of June 5, 2012 were unanimously approved. Chairman Likins did not vote as she was not present at the meeting.

4. Unfinished Business: None

5. New Business

• Mitchelville Preservation Project

Shawn Colin, Community Development Department reminded the Committee the Mitchelville group appeared before Town Council in September, 2010 with a request to use Fish Haul Creek Park for the Mitchelville Preservation Project. Over the past couple of years they have been involved in program development, fund raising and other activities. We asked they come before the Committee to give us an update on what they have done and what their path forward is at this point.

Mr. Randy Dolyniuk, Chairman of the Mitchelville Preservation Project reviewed what they have done since appearing before Town Council in 2010.

- We have recognized it will take money for this project to go forward.
- We have been building and rebuilding our websites.

- We have been working on developing marketing material that tells the story of Mitchelville and have looked at different partners to help marketing aspects. One is a series of E-books that will take stories that have been passed down to the descendents of Mitchelville that are here on the Island and will be used for history projects, etc.
- We are currently exploring an opportunity with a Professor of USC and a Graduate Student to develop a traveling story about the Dawn of Freedom. It would initially be housed in Columbia but part is a travel display that would move up and down the Gullah/Geechee Corridor. After three years this particular Exhibit will be housed on Hilton Head Island, hopefully on the Mitchelville site.
- We have been working on getting a seat at the table as the FAA were letting money for the archeological surveys they will be doing at the Airport. We were successful in getting the Beaufort County Council to say the Mitchelville Preservation Project needs to be at the table. The purpose is to get the artifacts that are recovered.
- We are right now developing our plans for fundraising. Local community fundraising is something that we are really working on right now. That is part of the outreach of telling the story.
- We are also looking at what other areas of funding we can get. We will be looking at State and Federal Grants.

The Mitchelville Preservation Project, the recognition and honoring of those first Mitchelville people is going to be something that will take a while.

After a brief discussion, the Committee thanked Mr. Dolyniuk for his update.

- **SHARE Center**

Jill Foster, Deputy Director of Community Development advised staff recommends the Public Facilities Committee recommend to Town Council approval of partial use of the building located at 58 Shelter Cove Lane (otherwise known as the Lifespan Building) for the SHARE Center. Also, we are requesting that this item be reviewed and determined at the July 3rd Town Council Meeting.

Councilman Williams asked where the \$110,000 for renovations was going to come from and how much money is this going to cost in upkeep vs. what they are paying now. Jill Foster advised that the \$110,000 is already budgeted. It was in last year's budget and it was rolled forward. Councilman Williams asked Frank Soule if the net costs should be less if you move in here. Frank Soule advised that it should be less than they are paying now.

Chairman Likins advised partnering with Hilton Head Medical Center could be a huge opportunity for Island Recreation Center and encouraged Mr. Soule to look into this. Mr. Soule advised it is already in the works.

Councilman Williams motioned the Public Facilities Committee recommend approval of partial use of the building located at 58 Shelter Cove Lane (otherwise known as the

Lifespan Building) for the SHARE Center. Chairman Likins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment:

Councilman Williams moved to adjourn. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Approved: 8/7/2012

Respectfully Submitted,

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