

**Town of Hilton Head Island
Design Review Board
Minutes of the Tuesday, January 8, 2013
1:15p.m – Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers**

APPROVED

Board Members Present: Chairman Scott Sodemann, Vice Chairman Deborah Welch,
Jake Gartner, Galen Smith and Todd Theodore

Board Members Absent: Tom Parker and Jennifer Moffett

Council Members Present: None

Town Staff Present: Jennifer Ray, Urban Designer
Sally Krebs, Sustainable Practices Coordinator
Anne Cyran, Senior Planner
Rocky Browder, Environmental Planner
Kathleen Carlin, Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairman Scott Sodemann called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Freedom of Information Act Compliance

4. Approval of the Agenda

The Board **approved** the agenda as presented by general consent.

5. Approval of the Minutes

The Board **approved** the minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting as presented by general consent.

6. Staff Report

Ms. Ray stated that Board training on Native Plants will be presented by Ms. Sally Krebs following today's business meeting.

7. Board Business

Ms. Welch recommended that the Town consider upgrading the design of their Christmas lights. The existing display of Christmas lights along the median of William Hilton Parkway seems inadequate. This may be a missed opportunity for the Town to draw visitors to Hilton Head Island. The staff presented a couple of photos that were previously provided by Ms. Welch showing Christmas light displays in other communities. The Board discussed Sea Pines Circle as a good central location and a good place to start. Ms. Ray stated that the staff will forward the Board's thoughts and recommendations to Mr. Julian Walls, Facilities Manager. The staff will follow up with the Board when new information is available.

8. Unfinished Business

The Westin Alterations & Additions DR120032

Ms. Ray stated that the Board originally reviewed this application on November 13, 2012. The Board directed the applicant to select a more simple, less Victorian light pole and return to the DRB for additional review and approval.

The applicant proposes to replace existing site lighting fixtures with an architectural bronze fixture with hanging flower baskets.

Ms. Ray presented an in-depth overhead review of the application including the site lighting plan. Ms. Ray also presented the site light cut sheet for the proposed lighting fixture. The fixture is a 22-Watt LED fixture in Architectural Bronze with hanging flower baskets that will be rotated seasonally, three or four times a year. Staff recommended that the application be *approved* as submitted. Following staff’s presentation, Chairman Sodemann requested that the applicant make his presentation.

Mr. Rick Sotiropoulos, with Ocean Woods Landscaping, presented statements in support of the application. The applicant discussed the proposed lighting fixture with the Board. Overall the Board stated that they liked the proposed fixture and hanging baskets. Chairman Sodemann agreed that they are an improvement over the previous application. Mr. Smith stated some concern with the appearance of the brackets on the hanging baskets. Following final comments by the Board, Chairman Sodemann requested that a motion be made.

Vice Chairman Welch made a **motion** to **approve** The Westin application, DR120032, as submitted. Mr. Gartner **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed** with a vote of 4-1-0.

9. Appearance by Citizens

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

January 22, 2013

Kathleen Carlin
Secretary

Scott Sodemann
Chairman