



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

Monday, August 14, 2017 – 12:00p.m.

Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

AGENDA

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 Notes – August 7, 2017 Meeting**
- 5. Business**
 - a) Continued Discussion on Scope of Work
 - b) Identifying Native Island/Heirs' Property
 - c) Meeting Schedule
- 6. Appearance by Citizens**
- 7. Adjournment**

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**

August 7, 2017

12:00 PM

Council Chambers, Town Hall

Task Force Members present: Lavon Stevens (Chairman), Caroline McVitty, Martha Davis, Joyce Wright, Palmer E. Simmons, Ibrahim Abdul-Malik, Shani Greene

Town Council present: Marc Grant, Tom Lennox

Community Development Staff present: Jayme Lopko

- Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.
- The agenda for today's meeting and the meeting notes from the July 24, 2017 meeting were accepted by general consent.
- The Task Force discussed a possible schedule of meetings. Caroline McVitty moved to schedule a meeting on Monday August 14th at 12pm at Town Hall. Joyce Wright seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0-0.
- Jayme Lopko explained the purpose of the tour today and the locations to be visited. The Task Force then exited Town Hall and boarded the Gullah Tour bus for their tour of historic neighborhoods on the island.
- The tour lasted approximately two hours covering topics including: locations of native heirs property and Gullah properties, areas with limited infrastructure like dirt roads, areas where native families have tried to subdivide property to give to family and were unable to due to LMO regulations or cost, example developments and properties where native families have successfully developed their properties or allowed developers to build on their property under a long term lease, and a native Gullah cemetery with limited access and development nearby.
- The bus returned to Town Hall and Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:42 PM.

Submitted by: Jayme Lopko

Meeting date: August 7, 2017