

**Gullah-Geechee Land and Cultural Preservation Task Force  
Meeting Minutes**

December 4, 2017 - 7:00 PM

Hilton Head Public Service District Community Room

Task Force Members present: Lavon Stevens (Chairman), Palmer E. Simmons, Martha Davis, Shani Green, Ibrahim Abdul-Malik

Community Development Staff present: Jayme Lopko, Jennifer Ray

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- Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.
- The agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting were accepted by general consent.
- Chairman Stevens introduced Pete Nardi, General Manager of Hilton Head Public Service District #1 (PSD). Mr. Nardi went through his presentation covering water and sewer service in his district on the island. This presentation included information about: the services the PSD provides, where the water supply comes from, water consumption rates, reverse osmosis, water sources, Town and PSD efforts to install fire hydrants in places of need, types of sanitary sewer lines, who pays for what with regard to sewer service, Project SAFE and its success, Master Sewer Plan and its progress, and ways to help property owners get connected.
- Pete Nardi introduced Nicki Charles and Denise Spencer from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry (CFL). Ms. Spencer and Ms. Charles went over more details of the Project SAFE Program including: where raised funds have come from, how much has been raised, the total goal to raise and the timeline for raising it, and guidelines for approving applications.
- Chairman Stevens opened the meeting for public comment and the following were received: Town and PSD need to take a comprehensive look at infrastructure needs when doing a project, difference in loan and grant – the loan and the Project SAFE grant both have no waiting to get approved and connected as long as lines are in place, some do not have the money to get service when payment is required – need to have proof of payment, loan, or grant when getting a Town permit, and are availability fees ever credited back in part or in full when service is connected – no, but the PSD will research this.
- Chairman Stevens went over the Task Force's four recommendations that were made to Town Council.
- The Task Force will have their next meeting on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Town Hall in Council Chambers. The Hilton Head and Black Chambers will be in attendance at this meeting to discuss marketing efforts related to the culture.
- Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by: Jayme Lopko

Meeting date: December 4, 2017

Approved: December 11, 2017