



The Town of Hilton Head Island  
**Gullah Geechee Land & Cultural  
Preservation Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**

**Present from the Task Force:** Chairman Lavon Stevens; Vice Chairman Palmer E. Simmons; John Campbell; Tom Henz; Ibrahim Abdul-Malik; Shani Green; Joyce Wright

**Present from Town Council:** Alex Brown

**Present from Town Staff:** Angie Stone, *Assistant Town Manager*; Missy Luick, *Community Planning Manager*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Shea Farrar, *Senior Planner*; April Akins, *Revenue Services Manager*; Karen Knox, *Senior Administrative Assistant*; Brian Glover, *Administrative Assistant*

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. FOIA Compliance**

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

**3. Roll Call**

As noted above.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Stevens asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Abdul-Malik moved to approve. Ms. Wright seconded. By a show of hands, the agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0-1. Ms. Green was not present for the vote.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Stevens asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2022. Mr. Abdul-Malik moved to approve. Mr. Campbell seconded. By a show of hands, the minutes of October 10, 2022, were approved by a vote of 6-0-1. Ms. Green was not present for the vote.

**6. Appearance by Citizens**

No comments were received to the Open Town Hall Portal and no citizens spoke at the meeting.

## **7. Discussion Items**

### **a. Critical Path Review – Continued**

Ms. Luick informed the committee that there were no changes to the critical path review included in the last meeting. Since there were no changes, the Committee moved to the next agenda item.

### **b. Overall Gullah Geechee Culture Preservation Project Report Purpose Statement Review**

Ms. Luick provided an overview of the purpose statement as included in the packet.

The Committee thanked Ms. Luick for her presentation and discussed the importance of the project report. Ms. Luick answered several questions from the committee. The Committee discussed the needs of the Gullah Geechee culture as well as the support that the Committee could provide the people. The Committee focused on education, development, heirs' property, and timelines for changes and implementation.

### **c. Update on Historic Districts Overlay District**

Missy Luick provided a presentation comparing the goals of the Historic Districts Overlay District to the Mid-Island District. The town is moving away from overlay districts and the goals of the historic district are covered by base zoning changes in the Mid-Island District. There are 5 historic neighborhoods included within the Mid-Island District.

Following her presentation Ms. Luick answered questions from the Committee. The Committee discussed the topic at length and expressed concerns about the long timeline for implementation and its inclusion of only a few historic neighborhoods. Ms. Luick stated that the process timeline for other historic neighborhoods would be much shorter as the Mid-Island District would serve as a template.

The item was opened to public comment. Mr. Campbell expressed support for the Mid-Island District. He emphasized flexibility in the plan to meet diverse needs among the community.

### **d. Pop-up Shops**

April Akins provided a presentation on special events criteria, business license requirements, tax requirements, and educational resources available. She covered a wide variety of examples for event types and requirements. Following her presentation, Ms. Akins answered questions from the Committee.

Following discussion, Chairman Stevens asked for someone from the Committee to work with Ms. Akins to provide further information to the community. Mr. Abdul-Malik and Ms. Wright volunteered to work with Ms. Akins moving forward.

### **e. Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule**

After discussion, Mr. Abdul-Malik moved to approve. Mr. Simmons seconded. The 2023 Meeting Schedule was approved as presented by a vote of 7-0-0.

## **8. Staff Report**

### **a. Delinquent Tax List Update**

Mrs. Luick stated there were two properties sold last month and are on the redemption period for one year and a day.

### **b. Historic Neighborhood Design Studio Report**

Mrs. Luick stated there have been 44 requests and there are 24 projects active and 18 completed.

### **c. Town Open Positions Update**

Mrs. Luick provided a list of all open positions.

### **d. Home Safety and Repair Program Update**

Mrs. Luick stated that the town is looking for additional contractors for the program. Currently there are 87 applications, 70 have been approved, 12 under review and 5 were not approved.

### **e. Sewer Connection Program Update**

Mrs. Luick stated there are 9 applications and 9 have been approved.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Brian Glover, Administrative Assistant

**Approved:** February 6, 2023