

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
Special Planning Commission Workshop Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2014
4:00p.m – Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

Commissioners Present: Chairman Gail Quick, Vice Chairman David Bennett, Alex Brown, Terry Ennis, Bryan Hughes, Tom Lennox, Barry Taylor and Brian Witmer

Commissioners Absent: Judd Carstens

Town Council Present: Bill Harkins

Town Staff Present: Teri Lewis, LMO Official
Charles Cousins, Director Community Development
Shawn Colin, Deputy Director Community Development
Jayme Lopko, Senior Planner & Planning Commission Coordinator
Kathleen Carlin, Secretary

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. Unfinished Business

Coligny Project Area Input Results & Planning Commission Recommendations

Chairman Quick stated that on April 2, 2014 the Planning Commission held a public workshop to solicit public input to be presented to Town-engaged consultants in designing a revised concept plan for the Coligny Area. The concept plan will be based on the following elements approved by Town Council:

- Destination park and playground,
- Surface parking,
- Children’s museum,
- Streetscape improvements,
- Roadway and intersection improvements and
- Pedestrian improvements.

Chairman Quick introduced the members of the Joint Planning Commission/Town Staff Design Team (Commissioner Terry Ennis, Commissioner Alex Brown, Vice Chairman David Bennett, Commissioner Tom Lennox, and Town staff, Shawn Colin, Shea Farrar, and Jennifer Ray.) Chairman Quick then requested that Commissioner Ennis present comments on behalf of the Design Team.

Commissioner Ennis presented background details regarding the Coligny Project Area Input Results & Planning Commission Recommendations. Mr. Ennis stated that there were three focus groups at the April 2, 2014 Workshop meeting. The purpose of the focus groups was to consolidate the massive amount of data received from the public.

At the workshop, participants were invited to join three interactive focus groups based on the following elements, through which individual comments were solicited and recorded. The three focus groups were:

- (A) Destination Park & Playground and Children's Museum.
- (B) Streetscape Elements & Pedestrian Improvements Including Roadway and Intersection Improvements.
- (C) Surface & Other Parking and Pedestrian/Bicycle improvements.

Following the workshop, public comments were reviewed and used to identify common themes and preliminary recommendations for area improvements. These along with the detailed list of comments from each group are included.

Commissioner Ennis stated that the Planning Commission will review these themes today, which will then be forwarded to the consultants as recommendations, along with any additional public input received at this meeting. Commissioner Ennis then requested comments from Commissioner Alex Brown.

Commissioner Brown presented comments on Coligny parking and the movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic (this will be key to the success of the project.) Vice Chairman Bennett presented statements regarding the Master Plan for the Coligny area, the need for a "Sense of Arrival", opening vistas to ocean views, and the need for pedestrian/bicycle area (i.e. Complete Streets), slowing down the pace of traffic and the need for safe access to the beach.

Commissioner Lennox presented statements regarding the Destination Park & Playground and Children's Museum. Following these presentations, Chairman Quick presented statements in support of "Quick Action" items. Chairman Quick then requested public comments and the following citizens presented comments:

- (1) Mr. Peter Ovens presented statements in support of the H.A.W.K. pedestrian system;
- (2) Mr. David Martin, Piggly Wiggly business owner, presented statements in concern of security issues associated with inadequate parking;
- (3) (unidentified resident) of the Coligny area questioned the status of the USCB location and the H.A.W.K. pedestrian system;
- (4) Resident, Ms. Jenny Siroddy, presented statements in support of taking care of the "Quick Action" items;
- (5) (unidentified resident) of the North Forest Beach area, presented statements in concern of current traffic and safety issues;
- (6) (unidentified resident) of the area presented statements in concern of traffic and safety issues;
- (7) Mr. David Ames, presented public comments in support of the "Quick Action" items
- (8) Mr. Jack Alderman presented statements in support of the "Quick Action" items specifically related to vehicular and pedestrian safety;
- (9) Mr. Henry Sanders, resident, presented statements in support of the Planning Commission's proposed improvements (with the exception of a proposed parking structure.);
- (10) Mr. Frank Babbel presented statements in support of the H.A.W.K. pedestrian plan; "alternative route" signs should be implemented to help avoid traffic congestion;
- (11)

Mr. Tom Sharp presented statements in support of the proposed improvements to the Coligny area. This completed all public comments and Chairman Quick closed the public comment portion of the meeting. Following final comments by the Planning Commission, Chairman Quick requested that a motion be made.

Commissioner Ennis made a **motion** that the Planning Commission's Chair **endorse** the transmittal of recommendations from the April 2, 2014 Workshop coupled with the additions captured today and follow up through staff for onward transmission or transmittal to the Town-approved consultants for consideration of the concept plan of Coligny. Commissioner Taylor **seconded** the motion and the motion **passed** with a vote of 8-0-0.

4. Adjournment

Submitted By:

Approved By:

June 4, 2014

Kathleen Carlin
Secretary

Gail Quick
Chairman