

Circle to Circle Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2015
8:30 a.m.
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Circle to Circle Committee Members present:	Jim Gant (Chairman), David Ames, Jack Daly, Joe Kernan, Tom Sharp, Judd Carstens, Mike Thomas, Leslie Richardson, Tom Lennox, Kyle Theodore, Carleton Dallas
Town Staff present:	Charles Cousins, Shawn Colin, Shea Farrar, Jill Foster, Jennifer Ray

- Chairman Gant called the Circle to Circle Committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- The meeting agenda and minutes from June 24, 2015 were approved.
- Chairman Gant provided an example of how the Committee could summarize the various options for solutions to issues that have been identified in the Circle to Circle Study Area and is included as an attachment to these minutes.
- Committee member Carstens presented an example shuttle concept to the Committee that is currently being used in the Tennessee mountain village of Pigeon Forge. The City of Pigeon Forge started the Fun Time Trolley system in 1986 to provide "hop on, hop off" type transportation services in and around the local area attractions, as well as more regional lodging and shopping areas and scenic destinations via an open-air, replica trolley style buses, similar to the Sea Pines Trolley. "Park your Cares and Ride with the Bears" is the slogan and helps to reinforce the unique mountain character the town is recognized for. Six different routes optimize connections between parking and destinations, with all routes overlapping at a central hub. Presentation attached.
- Committee member Mike Thomas presented examples of how such a service could be used on the Island to provide transportation in localized areas, like Pope Avenue, between larger shopping areas and from destinations to remote parking in order to help reduce traffic. The Sea Pines Trolley and Dunes Buggy are existing services on the Island that could connect to such a service.
- Committee member Tom Sharp presented an introduction summary on shuttle opportunities for the Island and an example funding scenario. The key will be to determine the customers and if the demand is great enough to justify the cost. A test study that builds on the existing services offered by Sea Pines and Palmetto Dunes could help define issues.
- Chairman Gant introduced the second agenda item of old business: Alternate beach use.
- Committee member Judd Carstens presented an overview of the Town's existing beach facilities. Coligny beach parking is fully utilized most frequently. Parking areas at other beach parks are not utilized as heavily. Directing more beach users to these parks could reduce the strain on Coligny. Improved signage for these parks would help inform more people of how to get to these parks. Presentation attached.

- Chairman Gant introduced the only item of new business: Marine Delivery.
- Committee member Carlton Dallas spoke briefly regarding the potential for marine transportation to bring visitors to the island without the traffic. Such a service would require additional transportation options on the Island and can be considered when moving forward and in future planning efforts for the full island.
- Chairman Gant informed the Committee that the next meeting would start at 10 a.m. next Wednesday, 7/8/15. The next public forum has been scheduled for July 22, 2015 at 4 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- Following public comment, Chairman Gant adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Meeting date: July 1, 2015

Approved: July 8, 2015

Chairman: _____, Jim Gant

Submitted by: Shea Farrar