



The Town of Hilton Head Island

U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee
Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
BENJAMIN M. RACUSIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

**As a courtesy to others please turn off/silence ALL mobile devices during the meeting.
Thank You.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 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. Approval of Minutes** – December 3, 2019 Meeting
- 4. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Discussion of Alternatives in the Stoney Community and Jenkins Island
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Presentation by Craig Winn, PE. SCDOT Program Manager
 - b. Chairman's Comments
 - c. Public Comment
- 6. Adjournment**



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Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: David Johnson, Jr., *Chairman*; Sarah Steward, *Co-Chair*; Frank Babel, Tom Crews, Jerry Cutrer, Craig Forrest, Tom Peeples, John Taylor, Kyle Theodore, *Members*; Palmer Simmons, *Alternate*; Marc Grant, *Hilton Head Island Liaison*

Absent from Committee: Alex Brown, Hannah Horne, David Lunka, Brendan Reilley, John Taylor, *Members*; Larry McElynn, *Beaufort County Liaison*; Dan Wood, *Bluffton Liaison*;

Present from Town Council & Town Staff: David Ames, Tamara Becker, Glenn Stanford, *Town Council*; Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

a. Approval of Minutes - November 22, 2019

Mr. Crews moved to approve. Mr. Peeples seconded. Ms. Theodore noted that she was listed as present at the meeting but was not. The minutes were approved with the change noted by Ms. Theodore.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of Alternatives in the Corridor

Chairman Johnson opened the discussion by explaining that he would like to have the Committee review and consider some themes of what the Committee hopes to accomplish. He introduced proposed themes that he had come up with and lead the Committee through the discussion. The Committee made some changes adding to the list, as well as removing others. During the discussion, the Committee was reminded to keep the SCDOT's *Purpose and Needs* in mind.

4. New Business

a. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Johnson reported that the Beaufort County Public Facilities Committee recently met to discuss the proposed Jenkins Island "Superstreet Intersection." He said that the new plan would reduce the cost down to about two million dollars. This proposal still needs to go before the SCDOT for review and approval. Chairman Johnson also addressed what the timing is as far as the Committee providing a recommendation to Town Council. He said that the SCDOT will begin to narrow down the alternative options in 2020. Chairman Johnson noted that for Town Council to weigh in, a recommendation must be submitted by the end of January 2020. Chairman Johnson reported that the SCDOT is in the process of responding to the four hundred plus comments received on the reasonable alternatives. He said that SCDOT is working on drafting a letter that would address the points noted in the recent online petition.

b. Public Comments

Members of the public addressed the Committee bringing forward their thoughts on safety throughout the corridor.

5. Adjournment – The meeting concluded and was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Krista Wiedmeyer, Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 12/11/2019

What do we want to accomplish?

- Mitigate impacts of route choice to property owners and businesses
- Minimize impact of signals/intersections on flow of traffic in corridor lanes
- Minimize impact to the environment
- Improve current access issues on Jenkins Island
- Improve current access issues on Pinckney Island
- Improve current access in the Stoney area
- Minimize visual impact of any expansion of lanes in the entire corridor
- Emphasize the aesthetics of the transitioning experience from the mainland to the islands
- Minimize the impacts to residences, businesses and traffic during construction phase – phasing of construction?
- Consider opportunities to create roadway redundancy to address emergencies
- Enhance roadway's ability to meet community's needs resulting from natural disasters; including improving the causeways to address storm water events
- Provide for efficient traffic flow on/off the Cross Island
- Provide safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities throughout the corridor as well as provide for safe crossings at strategic locations.
- Plan for alternative transportation options – future multi-modal needs, park and ride, etc.
- Include traffic calming techniques to reflect that the road travels through a neighborhood
- Make Stoney area more attractive for economic development
- All bridges should have a similar useful life post project