



The Town of Hilton Head Island
**Gullah Geechee Land &
Cultural Preservation Task Force**

Monday, December 2, 2019, 1:00p.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 Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2019**
- 5. Discussion Items**
 - a. Dirt Road Paving Project
- 6. Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda**
- 7. Staff Report**
- 8. Adjournment**

Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more of their members attend this meeting.

Please note that a quorum of the Planning Commission may result if five (5) or more of their members attend this meeting.



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MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: Lavon Stevens, Palmer Simmons, Joyce Wright, Todd Theodore, Martha Davis, Theresa White, Shani Green

Present from Town Staff: Sheryse DuBose, Jennifer Ray, Shawn Colin, Caroline Grant

Town Council Members Present: Tamara Becker

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

2. FOIA Compliance

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3. Approval of Minutes

The agenda for October 14, 2019, October 21, 2019, and today's meetings and the minutes from the September 16, 2019; October 14, 2019, and October 21, 2019 have been approved by consent.

4. Unfinished Business - none

5. New Business

Chairman Stevens commenting on working with Staff to move the recommendations forward. Chairman Stevens explained that the order of the projects was a result of being ranked by the Task Force. The Task Force discussed the Gullah Geechee Culture Preservation Top Priority Recommendations Framework. Joyce Wright requested that there be line items for next year's budget and also asked if family would have ownership of any information coming from the Heritage Library. Jennifer Ray stated that work can be done with Heritage Library to protect family records. Theresa White asked if the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park was included in the recommendations as a stand-alone project. Joyce Wright explained the Town's involvement in the project. Theresa Wright asked why the recommendation for delinquent taxes was so far down in the order. The ranking exercise was explained and Palmer Simmons stated that identifying property owners with delinquent taxes is an ongoing project. Alex Brown asked why PP-14 was listed in Year 2 and asked for clarification as to which organizations have reached out to be involved in the projects. Jennifer Ray responded that there has been correspondence with the Heritage Library. Morris Campbell commended the Task Force and Staff on the Framework. Tom Barnwell asked if there are ways for private individuals to contribute to the education and make donations towards the projects. Todd Theodore made the motion to approve the Gullah Geechee Cultural Preservation Project Report Recommendations Top Priority Framework. Palmer Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-0.

6. Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda

Alex Brown asked if there is a translator on Staff for code enforcement, referring to a member of the Latinx Community who did not speak English and could not understand the code violations. Jennifer Ray explained that a translator is available overall, but not specifically for code enforcement. Alex Brown also asked for a status report concerning fire hydrants. Tom Barnwell stated that the last hurricane blew down his sign at Gumtree and Squire Pope Road and people who were moving the lawn took the sign. Mr. Barnwell further stated that there needs to be communication between sign owners and grass cutters. Chairman Stevens called for diversity training for Staff purposed to handle issues in the community. Palmer Simmons stated that the people who mow the lawn should be responsible for replacing the sign. Palmer Simmons also stated that PSD has an installation schedule for fire hydrants. Joyce Wright announced the Mitchelville meeting to be held that evening from 5:30- 7:00 at PSD.

7. Staff Report

Sheryse DuBose announced the Framework would be decided at the Town Council meeting, which would be held on November 19th. Sheryse DuBose also stated that the Task Force meeting scheduled for November 18th should be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. Chairman Stevens stated that he would consider cancelling the November 18th Task Force Meeting.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:03 PM.

Submitted by: Sheryse DuBose

Meeting Date: November 4, 2019