

**TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Date: October 18, 2018 **Time:** 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Dru Brown, *Vice-Chairman*; Rob Bender; Roger Freedman; Jim Fluker; Julie Smith and Richard Thomas

Members Absent: Brad Marra

Council Present: Tom Lennox

Staff Present: John Troyer, *Director of Finance*, Jennifer McEwen, *Culture and Arts Network Director*; Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator* and Cindaia Ervin, *Finance Assistant*

Others Present: Various representatives from organizations that applied for ATAX Grants, members of the public

Media: None

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. FOIA 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. Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Smith moved to approve the minutes of October 04, 2018. Mr. Fluker seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of (6-0).

5. Chairman's Report:

Dru Brown, Vice Chairman, thanked everyone for attending the first day of the Accommodations Tax Advisory grant hearings. He stated that due to the tight schedule the Committee would not accept and public comment at today's meeting. Mr. Brown also reminded the applicants present to please allow 10 minutes for their presentation and 10 minutes for question and answers from the Committee.

6. Unfinished Business:

None

7. New Business:

a. Hearing of applicants

The following applicants made presentations to the Committee during the morning session:

1. Main Street Youth Theater
2. HHI Bridge Association
3. The Heritage Library: *Foundation, Zion Cemetery and History Day Applications*

4. HHI Airport
5. Native Island Business & Community Association
6. Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island
7. Art League of Hilton Head Island
8. Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce

During the presentation by The Heritage Library Mr. Thomas disclosed a potential conflict of interest and did not participate. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Brown disclosed a potential conflict of interest during the presentation by the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and did not participate. The required disclosure forms are attached.

The Committee broke for lunch at 12:22 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:30 p.m. During the afternoon session, the following applicants made presentations to the Committee.

9. Town of Hilton Head Island: *Operations & Lantern Parade*
10. Hilton Head Island Recreation Association: *Wingfest & Oysterfest*
11. Lean Ensemble Theater
12. Hilton Head St. Patrick's Day Parade
13. The Sandbox
14. Memory Matters
15. Hilton Head Island Choral Society
16. Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association
17. The First Tee of the Lowcountry

During the presentation by The Sandbox Mr. Brown disclosed a potential conflict of interest and did not participate. The required disclosure forms are attached.

After the presentations concluded, Mr. Brown thanked everyone for taking the time to present to the committee, and reminded everyone that the next meeting will be Thursday October 25th at 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment:

Mr. Bender made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Fluker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:

Dru Brown, Vice-Chairman

Cindaia Ervin, Secretary