

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: September 27, 2018 **Time:** 9:00am

Members Present: Kimberly Likins, *Chairman*; Bill Harkins; Marc Grant

Members Absent: John McCann, *Alternate*

Town Staff Present: Josh Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*
Lindsey Rambow, *Records Administrator*
Jayme Lopko, *Senior Planner*

Media Present: None

1. Call to Order

Chairman Likins called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

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. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 11 and September 20, 2018, meetings were approved.

4. Executive Session

At 9:05am, Mr. Harkins made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of conducting an interview with an applicant for the Beaufort County Airports Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

5. Unfinished Business

At 9:38am, the Committee returned to Open Session to discuss the modified recommendation regarding Venue Committee Response to Phase II: A Conceptual Model for a Community Arts Center.

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Ms. Likins reported the last time the Community Services Committee met, Mr. Harkins and Mr. Grant had requested more information from the Venue Committee. The Venue Committee sent the requested information to this Committee. At that time, the CSC took the Venue Committee recommendations for Phase II and approved to move it to Town Council, which included moving forward with a consultant and funding for Phase II.

Ms. Likins stated a lot of things have gone on since that time period. The Venue Committee made a decision that they wanted to meet again and review the recommendations again before it was brought to Town Council. The Venue Committee asked to be removed from the August Town Council meeting. The Venue Committee has put together a revised recommendation.

Ms. Likins stated that the organizations involved in this effort have moved forward. Coastal Discovery put a great strategic plan together, the orchestra has a new facility that is about to open, the Arts Center is looking at improvements they can make, Mitchelville received substantial funding from the County and is moving forward.

One of the biggest issues the Venue Committee faced was that waiting until the August Town Council meeting and then looking for a consultant would set them back another four to five months. Their objective was to maximize the chance that these projects would actually happen. The four large organizations would have a much better chance if they work together and work with the smaller organizations to actually make that happen.

Mr. Harkins stated that the big four organizations, Coastal Discovery, Arts Center, Symphony and Mitchelville, came together on their own in a collegial way trying to see what potential synergies they have among themselves. The purpose of that is to see if those synergies could lead to improving their own individual operations. If they can come together with a platform that they could stand on for future direction, that would strengthen community support and strengthen the organizations.

Ms. Likins stated that it was an honor to work with the members of the Venue Committee; that each member is dedicated and passionate and she appreciates them. There were tough discussions and she is happy they were able to reach a point where everyone feels good and they have a better way of doing something.

Ms. Likins announced that the Venue Committee would like to finish their final report and make it available so the public can see and understand the value they have gotten in the investment of Phase I, and at that point Town Council would dissolve the Venue Committee.

Mr. Harkins made a motion to accept the modified recommendations regarding Venue Committee Modified Response to Phase II: to move forward without any outside consultant, without any funding endorsement; for the organizations to work together to bring a plan to Town Council; for the Venue Committee to finish their final report, bring it to the Community Services Committee, and make it available for the public; and after that, for the Town Council to dissolve the Venue Committee. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

At 10:05am, Mr. Grant moved to adjourn and Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved.

Approved: 12/10/2018
Kimberly Likins, Chairman

Lindsey Rambow
Submitted by
Lindsey Rambow, Records Administrator