

Gullah-Geechee Land and Cultural Preservation Task Force
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018 - 1:00 PM
Council Chambers – Town Hall

Task Force Members present: Lavon Stevens (Chairman), Joyce Wright, Shani Green, Todd Theodore, Martha Davis

Community Development Staff present: Jayme Lopko

- Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM. Chairman Stevens removed New Business: Case Studies from the agenda and the agenda for today's meeting was accepted by general consent as amended.
- Jayme Lopko and Joyce Wright gave an update on the progress regarding a Resource Center for Gullah information at Town Hall. A physical location in Town Hall is still needed and Jayme Lopko will continue to look for options. Jayme Lopko and Joyce Wright will continue to meet and discuss what the content of the website should be.
- Jayme Lopko gave an update on the RFP to hire a consultant to assist with topics relative to heirs' property and Gullah culture preservation. The Task Force discussed the RFP process, funding, and schedule.
- Shani Green arrived at 1:55pm. Since there is now a quorum the minutes from the February 19, 2018 meeting were accepted by general consent.
- Jayme Lopko informed the Task Force that she had received data from Beaufort County detailing which Gullah-Geechee Native Island properties are currently past due on their property taxes. The Task Force would like to share this with NIBCAA in an effort to assist those who need help paying their taxes.
- Chairman Stevens opened the meeting for public comment and none were received.
- Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:36 PM.

Submitted by: Jayme Lopko
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