

**Gullah-Geechee Land and Cultural Preservation Task Force  
Meeting Minutes**

April 2, 2018 - 5:30 PM

Public Service District – 21 Oak Park Road

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

Community Development Staff present: Jayme Lopko, Scott Liggett, Brad Tadlock

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- Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
- The agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the March 5, 2018 meeting were accepted by general consent.
- Jayme Lopko and Joyce Wright gave an update on the progress regarding a Resource Center for Gullah information at Town Hall. There was no update on the physical location of the center in Town Hall. Ms. Wright and Ms. Lopko described general headings and content for the Gullah history page on the Town's website.
- 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 RFP was published on March 25<sup>th</sup> and bids are due by 2pm on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Lopko has received two emails and one phone call regarding the RFP at this point.
- Chairman Stevens introduced Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer to discuss the Private Dirt Road Acquisition & Paving Program. Mr. Liggett informed the Task Force about the five (5) policy positions that were approved Town Council and the rationale behind each policy position. Mr. Liggett explained the process for rating, acquiring, designing, and paving the roads and answered questions from the Task Force and public.
- Chairman Stevens introduced Brad Tadlock, Fire Chief to discuss the Fire Hydrant Program. Chief Tadlock explained the requirements for fire hydrant locations and the new program for funding the installation of water supply and fire hydrants where needed.
- Chairman Stevens opened the meeting for public comment and the following were received: why a fifty (50) foot right-of-way, can the design be creative with a thirty (30) foot right-of-way and an easement for drainage, when putting in roads it should be looked at in a comprehensive manner including all infrastructure needs, is the main objective to get emergency vehicles to areas, acquisition of right-of-way impacts each property differently so there is no one size fits all, loss of dwelling units and development options if property given up for right-of-way is a challenge, would the Town consider a relocatable right-of-way or easement, do we look at subdivisions that were platted prior to the Town differently since they were platted under different standards, if roads already have sewer does that lessen the amount of right-of-way needed for the road, how are we handling fire hydrants requirements for the future – we need to look at both the fire code and the LMO, and mobile homes burn faster than stick built homes – data on this would be helpful for education of the community.
- Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Submitted by: Jayme Lopko

Meeting date: April 2, 2018

Approved: April 16, 2018