

Gullah-Geechee Land and Cultural Preservation Task Force
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2018 – 1:00 PM
Council Chambers – Town Hall

Task Force Members present: Lavon Stevens, Palmer Simmons, Caroline McVitty, Todd Theodore, Martha Davis, Ibrahim Abdul-Malik, Theresa White, Shani Green, Joyce Wright

Town Council present: Marc Grant

Community Development Staff present: Jayme Lopko, Jennifer Ray, Taylor Ladd, Carolyn Grant, Brad Tadlock

- Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.
- The agenda for today's meeting was approved by consent. The minutes from the April 16, 2018 meeting were approved as amended by consent.
- Chairman Stevens introduced Fire Chief Brad Tadlock to clarify the fire hydrant program that had been discussed at a prior meeting. Chief Tadlock clarified the priorities for Town and PSD installation of a fire hydrant and when a Town permit would be denied for not having a fire hydrant within the required distance. The Task Force and Chief Tadlock discussed leeway for permitting requirements, timing for implementing the program, the evaluation process for exemption, costs of the program, and possible coordination of this program with other infrastructure projects.
- Jayme Lopko and Joyce Wright gave an update on the Gullah Resource Center. They will continue to work toward both a physical and digital location for the Center. Ms. Wright stated that the resource center should be up and running in the next quarter.
- Jayme Lopko provided an update on the RFP. The Town received three responses to the RFP that will be evaluated based on a set of criteria. The Task Force discussed who will be on the selection committee for hiring the consultant and felt that members of the Task Force and the Gullah community should be involved. Joyce Wright made a motion that the Gullah Task Force recommend, in the form of a letter to the Town Manager, that the selection committee for the RFP should include two members of the Gullah Task Force and two people from the Gullah community. Ibrahim Abdul-Malik seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0.
- Chairman Stevens opened the meeting for public comment and the following were received: are there homes over 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant now and would we be able to save those in the event of a fire, the LMO considers placement of two homes or more as development which then requires fire hydrants and permits can be denied due to this, a physical resource location may be obsolete since people don't use hard copies anymore, you need community input on hiring a consultant that will impact the community, Carolyn Grant – the new Town Communications Director introduced herself to the Task Force, and Phil Hartman introduced himself to the Task Force and let them know he is running for the District 123 house seat.
- Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:51 PM.

Submitted by: Jayme Lopko
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