

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
Public Planning Committee
Minutes of the February 28, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. Special Meeting
Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Chairman David Ames, Kim Likins

Committee Members Absent: Bill Harkins

Town Council Present: Mayor David Bennett, Marc Grant, Tom Lennox, John McCann

Town Staff Present: Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Teri Lewis, *LMO Official*; Jenn Jennifer Ray, *Planning & Special Projects Manager*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Jenn McEwen, *Cultural & Arts Network Director*; Taylor Ladd, *Senior Planner*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Teresa Haley, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Panelists: Mike Kosdrosky, *Executive Director, Aspen/Pitkin County Housing Authority*; Jason Peasley, *Executive Director, Yampa Valley Housing Authority*; Evelyn Dobson, *Chief Executive Officer, Delray Beach Community Land Trust, Inc.*; Ferline Mesidort, *Neighborhood Services Administrator, City of Delray Beach*; Paul D'Angelo, *Housing Development Specialist, City of Asheville*; Josh Martin, *Senior Advisor to the Mayor, City of Charleston*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ames called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

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 Agenda

The Public Planning Committee approved the agenda by general consent.

4. Affordable Workforce Housing

Welcoming Remarks:

Mayor Bennett welcomed all in attendance and presented opening remarks regarding affordable workforce housing.

Introduction:

Shawn Colin, Deputy Director of Community Development, thanked everyone for attending and provided a brief history of events leading up to this point. The main purpose of today's workshop is for the members of Town Council in attendance to ask meaningful questions of the Panelists as the Town moves forward to program for Hilton Head Island.

Jennifer Ray, Planning & Special Projects Manager, introduced the Panelists.

Presentations by Panelists:

A presentation was made by each jurisdiction outlining a brief history, current programming and organizational structure, and comments on lessons learned that could benefit Hilton Head Island. The Panelists provided information on their respective municipality's role in the process, how the project was funded, and resourceful partnerships.

Town Staff and Town Council members made inquiries specific to each community.

General Discussion and Questions from Town Council to Panelists:

The discussion and questions from Town Council members and Town Staff to the Panelists pertained to: means to provide housing opportunities for certain low income levels with multiple family members; providing financial support through certain terms and conditions in the development agreement; balancing affordable housing and cost of living; providing and maintaining infrastructure, roads and sidewalks; funding; affordable housing tax credits; and enabling legislation to create a balance of the toolkit.

Public Comments:

The public comments received related to: tools to handle or improve Nimbyism; and incentives for existing homeowners to provide affordable housing.

Closing Remarks:

Mayor Bennett thanked the Panelists and Town staff for their participation and efforts.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Teresa Haley, Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved: March 22, 2018

David Ames, Chairman