



Town of Hilton Head Island
U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: David Johnson, Jr., *Chairman*; Frank Babel, Alex Brown, Tom Crews, Craig Forrest, Hannah Horne, Tom Peeples, John Taylor, Kyle Theodore, *Members*; Larry McElynn, *Beaufort County Liaison*

Absent from Committee: Sarah Stewart, *Co-Chair*; Jerry Cutrer, David Lunka, Brendan Reilley, Kyle Theodore, *Members*; Marc Grant, *Hilton Head Island Liaison*; Dan Wood, *Bluffton Liaison*; Palmer E. Simmons, *Alternate*

Present from Town Council & Town Staff: Tamara Becker, Glenn Stanford, *Town Council*; Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

2. **FOIA Compliance** – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. November 13, 2019

Ms. Horne moved to approve. Mr. Peeples seconded. The minutes from November 13, 2019 were approved as written.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of Alternatives in the Stoney Community and Jenkins Island

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion by the Committee, moving this item until after agenda item 5(a). Mr. Babel moved, Mr. Peeples seconded. Motion to move the agenda item was approved.

Mr. Taylor gave a presentation to the Committee, showing some different variations of the original six reasonable alternatives in the Stoney Community and Jenkins Island. Mr. Taylor showed two different interpretive maps, showing the different options. With much discussion from the Committee, including some informal question and answer, Mr. Taylor ended his presentation.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of Alternatives in Corridor Between Moss Creek and Hog Island

Chairman Johnson opened the discussion asking Mr. Cousins to review the alternatives that include a full new span and the alternatives that would require refurbishing of the different bridges. The Committee discussed the pros and cons related to alternatives which included a new full span, and the alternatives related to refurbishing the bridges. Much discussion was had about the different options, and what could potentially be the best options.

Mr. Brown asked Chairman Johnson about the pros and cons list that Committee has been working on. He asked if the Committee would be reviewing these items against the Guiding Principles. Chairman Johnson made note of the item, stating that could certainly be discussed.

b. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Johnson reported about the different community presentations he had made and would be forthcoming. He specifically discussed his visit with Mr. Forrest to Sun City Hilton Head. Chairman Johnson stated that the questions that came from this group, were not unlike most.

5. New Business (cont.)

c. Public Comments

Members of the general public addressed the committee making comments with their pros and cons for consideration.

Mr. Brown asked Chairman Johnson about a memo that was provided to the Committee regarding the intersection at Squire Pope. He asked if there could be further discussion related to the memo, and perhaps temporary solutions to mitigate the potential issues. Chairman Johnson answered that the memo was drafted by Town staff for informational purposes. He said that if there were questions specific to the memo, there would be time to discuss it at a later meeting.

6. Adjournment – The meeting concluded and was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Krista Wiedmeyer, Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 12/03/2019