

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
U.S. 278 GATEWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT COMMITTEE**

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Present from Committee: David Johnson, Jr., *Chairman*; Frank Babel, Alex Brown, Tom Crews, Jerry Cutrer, Hannah Horne, David Lunka, Tom Peeples, Brendan Reilley, Sarah Stewart, Kyle Theodore, *Members*; Dan Wood, *Bluffton Liaison*; Larry McElynn, *Beaufort County Council Liaison*

Absent from Committee: Craig Forrest, John Taylor, *Member*; Palmer Simmons, *First Alternate*

Present from Town Council: Tamara Becker, *Committee Ex Officio*, Tom Lennox, Glenn Stanford

Present from Town Staff: Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Anne Cyran, *Senior Planner*; Eileen Wilson, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Johnson stated from this meeting forward, the agenda must include the line item "Approval of Agenda". Mr. Lunka made a motion to add this item to today's agenda and all future agendas. Ms. Theodore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Johnson asked the Committee if they would approve amending today's agenda to include under New Business: a letter from the Stoney Community to be read by Ms. Luana Sellars. Mr. Lunka made a motion to amend today's agenda to include the New Business item: *a letter from the Stoney Community* read by Ms. Luana Sellars. Mr. Babel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

3. Committee Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from March 7, 2019

Mr. Peeples moved to approve the Minutes from March 7, 2019. Ms. Theodore seconded the motion. Ms. Horne abstained from voting since she was absent at that meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-1.

5. Unfinished Business - None

6. New Business

a. Final Plans for Tour of Stoney and Jenkins Island Areas - Alex Brown/Tom Crews

The tour of the Stoney and Jenkins Island areas will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The Committee will meet at the open space at the corner of U.S. 278 and Squire Pope Road and park their cars. The Committee will board the Town's trolley. Mr. Cousins distributed a map of the area and stated he would also email it to the Committee.

6. New Business (cont.)

b. Letter from the Stoney Community

Chairman Johnson invited Ms. Luana Sellars to read the letter from the Stoney Community (this letter is attached to the minutes for the record).

c. Discussion of Establishing Focus Areas to Develop a Work Plan for the Committee

Chairman Johnson lead the discussion stating he would like to form 3 to 5 groups to brainstorm on bridge design and corridor route alternatives. The reason for this is to have alternatives that we can discuss with SCDOT before they lock in on something. Chairman Johnson presented the following timeline:

- March 21 Chairman will form groups
- April 10 each group report back on top alternatives
- May 2 method of scoring cost, environmental impacts and social impacts
- By May 15 get with SCDOT

Chairman Johnson strongly encouraged the members to seek out community input. Also to look at the “no build” alternative. The Committee discussed:

- The possibility of having a charrette.
- Will meeting space be available for the groups to use at Town Hall?
- Maps and office supplies they will need.
- Talk to Town Council for approval for this Committee to go directly to SCDOT.

Mr. Lunka made a motion stating the Chairman establish 3 groups using his discretion, distribute to the Committee, appoint a sub-Chairman and not wait until the next meeting to create the groups. Mr. Peeples seconded the motion.

Chairman Johnson stated he would like to create 3 to 4 groups and they are not sub-committees so there would not be a sub-Chairman.

Mr. Babel asked that the motion be amended to allow 3 to 5 groups.

Mr. Lunka amended the motion the Chairman create 3 to 5 groups using his discretion and not wait until the next meeting and to have one person be the point of contact to schedule meeting times. Mr. Babel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Johnson asked if there were any further comments from the public for the Committee, where a couple more comments were made.

7. Public Comments and Questions

8. Adjournment

Mr. Lunka made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peeples seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Eileen Wilson, Senior Administrative Assistant

David Johnson, Chairman