



Town of Hilton Head Island
**Gullah Geechee Land & Cultural
Preservation Task Force**

July 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Living Lab – Town Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: Lavon Stevens, Palmer Simmons, Ibrahim Abdul-Malik, Martha Davis, Joyce Wright

Present from Town Staff: Sheryse DuBose, Jayme Lopko, Jennifer Ray

Town Council Members Present: Tamara Becker, Thomas Lennox

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

2. FOIA 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 Minutes

The agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting were approved by consent.

4. Unfinished Business - none

5. New Business

Josh Gruber provided information concerning the more than 1500 fire hydrants on mainly the north end of Hilton Head Island that are in the public service district (PSD). Mr. Gruber explained the program between the Fire Department and PSD is geared towards the installation of new hydrants in the areas where there is a gap in coverage, in addition to gaining access to existing hydrants that may be blocked by fences and other obstructions. Mr. Gruber also addressed clarifying the language concerning the waiver for new homes exceeding the 1000-foot proximity to a fire hydrant. He further stated that any home on the island in need of fire protection will receive the best quality service available.

Chairman Stevens had questions concerning the progress of the Gullah Geechee Preservation Project Report Recommendations. Sheryse DuBose stated that staff was in the process of reviewing the 34 recommendations. Jennifer Ray further clarified that all 34 recommendations were passed by the Planning Commission and would need to be presented to the Public Planning Committee.

Chairman Stevens brought forth for discussion the Gullah Geechee Task Force meeting twice a month instead of once a month. Jayme Lopko clarified that the Task Force adopted the 2019 calendar as meeting the first and third Mondays each month. The exceptions would be in August, as a result of the special-called Public Planning Committee meeting on August 19th and

in September, as Labor Day is on September 2nd. Ibrahim Abdul-Malik discussed the possibility of meetings taking place in the community.

Joyce Wright made the motion to have a schedule brought forward on the first and third Mondays of every month, with exceptions to August and September 2019, and to be able to take some of the meetings out into the public outside of the Town Council Chambers. The motion was seconded by Ibrahim Abdul-Malik. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0.

6. Appearance by Citizens on Items Unrelated to Today's Agenda

Chairman Sevens opened the floor to comments from the public on items unrelated to the agenda and none were received.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

Submitted by: Sheryse DuBose

Meeting Date: July 15, 2019

Approved: August 26, 2019