



Town of Hilton Head Island
**Our Plan Parks and Recreation
Task Group Meeting**

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm

The Living Lab at Town Hall

MEETING NOTES

Work Group:

Parks and Recreation Task Group,

Sub-group of Fostering an Inclusive Multi-Dimensional Community

Present from Work Group: John Brighton, Jack Daly, Butch Kisiah, Wes Kitashima, John Parsons, Frank Soule, Pat Zuk

Present from Town Council: None

Present from Town Staff: Taylor Ladd, Jennifer Ray

- The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM.
- Taylor Ladd called the group to provide quick introductions for everyone who was not present at the first meeting.
- Taylor Ladd asked the group members if anyone was interested in serving as the group's Vice-Chairman. Jack Daly said he would be the Vice Chairman for the Task Group with Chairman Kisiah. The group members present were supportive of this arrangement.
- Taylor Ladd requested to move the Staff Report agenda item to beginning of the meeting. She provided an update about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan). There were interviews held on June 18 with finalists from the pool of applicants for the consultant have the final selection made by the end of the week with someone under contract by the end of June. Taylor explained that as this Task Group will serve as a type of steering committee for the Master Plan, they will be working with the consultant and may have a schedule and activities that differ from the other groups.
- Taylor Ladd asked the group if there was any interest in changing the group meeting schedule in July due to the holiday and wait period for the consultant to kick-off the Master Plan project. Chairman Kisiah suggested waiting to hear back from the consultant and meeting next based on their schedule. The group agreed to cancel the July 3 meeting with plans to recuperate that time by holding a future meeting for two hours or scheduling an extra meeting.
- Taylor Ladd provided an update regarding the proposed Master Plan timeline. All the interviewees understood and agreed to staff's request that at least the Master Plan recommendations be ready and provided in time for review by Town Council at their

workshop at the end of the year. The final Master Plan document may not be ready at that time, but anticipate it being finished in December or January.

- Taylor Ladd finished the staff report with a follow up discussion about a park tour that was suggested at the first meeting. Vice-Chairman Daly suggested a do-it-yourself tour so that each group member can visit the parks on their own time. Staff will put together a park synopsis for group members to begin their site visits. Heather Rath, Chairman of the Greater Island Council Parks and Recreation, in attendance at this meeting provided comment that it would be helpful for staff to obtain information about when the parks are in peak use so that group members can try and visit when there is activity. Taylor Ladd asked the group to consider visiting recreation areas that are private and to begin compiling list of these locations since they do serve the island population.
- Taylor Ladd will provide the group with a digital copy of the Town 1995 Recreation and Open Space 20-Year Plan.
- Taylor Ladd introduced the Photo Activity as a process the group can use for gathering a broad range of inputs to assist with starting to identify themes and spur discussion about parks and recreation. Group members were asked to review nine photo collages placed around the room. Instructions were to place sticky notes with a couple words or phrase that identified what a photo represented to each individual about parks and recreation for Hilton Head Island. Following the photo activity, the group members sorted their sticky notes into groups of common themes/concepts. These themes will be re-visited later in the process.
- Group members were provided sticky notes and began the activity. When they were finished, Taylor Ladd asked each group member to shared one of their selected photos with the group. Finally, the group spent some time discussing their input and then sorting their sticky notes into common themes/concepts. They had a discussion about what could be missing and collated their ideas.
- The resulting theme/concept groups were as follows:
 - Forward Thinking and Forward Looking Vision
 - Keeping with our Ethos
 - Arts and History
 - Active and Passive Recreation
 - Interacting with Wild Nature
 - Infrastructure
 - Fun
 - Inclusion
- Taylor Ladd opened the meeting to public comment. Ms. Rath invited the group to attend the next GIC Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on June 20. Ms. Rath reported that the Dixie Youth Baseball team won their game last night to go on to the state championship and invited the group to the July 4th One Island Community Picnic being held at the First Tee. She also commended Frank Soule on his presentation at the Town Council meeting on July 18.
- Taylor Ladd closed the meeting with a quick recap of the staff report discussion regarding the do-it-yourself park visits.

- The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.

Submitted by: Taylor Ladd