



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

Wednesday, August 21, 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: Chairman Butch Kisiah, John Brighton, Jack Daly, Mike Manesiotis, Quin Monahan, Pete Savarese, Frank Soule, Pat Zuk

Present from Town Council: None

Present from Town Staff: Taylor Ladd

- The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM.
- Taylor Ladd opened the meeting with introductions of the LÖSE Design project team sitting in to facilitate the meeting: John Lavender, Project Manager, Will Hager and Steve Cannon. Ms. Ladd explained this meeting's intent is to serve as a two-hour focus group session and asked the group members to introduce themselves.
- Mr. Lavender provided an introduction about his firm and background in parks and recreation followed by an overview of his plans for the day's meeting.
- Mr. Lavender led a discussion with the group to recap their SOAR report and get feedback and clarification from the group about some of their input included in the report.
- Following this discussion, Mr. Lavender reviewed and led a discussion with the group about some of the results from the public input on the Facilities and Programs boards the Town had available at the One Island- One Community Picnic and at both Open House events held this week. The public was asked to vote for the programs and facilities they felt are important but not adequately provided. The results shown so far as result from the picnic and Monday August 19 Open House are included below. The input received prior to this meeting at the Wednesday August 21 Open House closely correlated.
- Top Five Facilities
 1. Rec swim facilities
 2. Pickleball courts
 3. Splash pad/ spray park
 4. Piers
 5. Unpaved place to ride a bike and large community parks

- Top Ten Programs
 1. Water fitness (Zumba/water aerobics)
 2. Outdoor dining event
 3. Community special events
 4. Movies in the park
 5. Concerts
 6. Youth music classes
 7. Adult music classes and Preschool Programs
 8. Preschool programs
 9. Youth visual arts/painting/crafts
 10. Adult visual arts/painting/crafts
 11. Youth learn to swim

- Mr. Lavender then turned the discussion to review with the group their thoughts about questions for the statistically valid survey that will be issued to a random sample population and the general public on the Island.

- Ms. Ladd opened the meeting to public comment. Frank Babel offered comments about how biking should be viewed as a recreation activity and offered concern that our water resource not being represented as an option for recreation. Caitlin Lee commented about the popular kickball league that used to be in Bluffton, the potential for adult leagues like this and softball to be on the island and her concerns about not having adequate access to facilities for the disabled and special needs population. Jane Joseph offered her insight into the funding questions for the survey, defining culture and consideration to ensure the project is well defined on the survey in order to capture interest.

- The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Submitted by: Taylor Ladd