



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

July 20th at 1:00 pm

VIRTUAL VIA BLUEJEANS

MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: Lavon Stevens, Palmer Simmons, Todd Theodore, Martha Davis, Ibrahim Abdul Malik

Present from Town Staff: Sheryse DuBose, Jennifer Ray, Teri Lewis, Eileen Wilson, Teresa Haley

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

2. FOIA Compliance

Public notification of this meeting has been 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. Roll Call

See above

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting has been approved by consent.

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for November 4, 2020 meeting have been approved by consent.

6. Citizen Comments

Public comments concerning agenda items were to be submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall portal. The portal closed at Noon on Friday. All comments were provided to the Task Force for review and made a part of the official record.

Citizens were provided the option to sign up for public comment participation by phone during the meeting. The public comment period closed at Noon on Friday. There were no request from citizens to participate by phone.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

Chairman Stevens opened the meeting by providing an overview of how it was important that the Town and the Gullah community coexist and work towards moving the Historic Overlay District Project forward. Sheryse DuBose stated that the Historic Neighborhoods Preservation

Overlay (HNP-O) District was identified as a high priority recommendation from the Gullah Geechee Cultural Preservation Report and reviewed the proposed amendments. Comments and questions made by the Task Force were as follows: Addressing the Historic overlay overlap with the Corridor Overlay District, creating a “sliding scale” for properties to address missing flexibility, addressing nonconforming uses, whether construction or placement of homes applies to Family Compound applications, addressing the five year hold on selling property within the proposed Family Compound, considering changing the proposed RM-6 district to mixed use, clarifying if a right-of-way is deeded to the Town, consider establishing the Historic Neighborhoods Preservation Administrator as the zoning official to relieve anxiety and create flexibility, and provide examples of where or what the LMO changes will benefit. Sheryse DuBose stated that staff will review the comments and will address them at the April 6th meeting.

Sheryse DuBose explained that after the Task Force make recommendations to forward the proposed HNP-O District, the amendments will be heard by the LMO Committee, Planning Commission, and Town Council for two readings.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:44 PM.

Submitted by: Sheryse DuBose

Approved: February 1, 2021