



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

August 24, 2020 at 1:00 pm
VIRTUAL VIA BLUEJEANS

MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: Lavon Stevens, Caroline McVitty, Palmer Simmons, Todd Theodore, Ibrahim Abdul Malik, Joyce Wright,

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. 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, August 21, 2020, prior to the scheduled meeting. There was one request to phone in with public comment.

6. Discussion Item

Sheryse DuBose gave a presentation that contained graphics and discussed revisions that allowed land use flexibility and added a Home Occupation section to the proposed Historic Preservation Overlay District (HNP-O) Amendments. Task Force made comments and questions concerning the following: Clarification on the purpose of the five foot setback, clarification on how to determine acreage for additional density and to consider rounding up to calculate density, adding density to properties in Chaplin zoned Marshfront, address inconsistencies in the buffers and setbacks, clarify the number of family members that can work at the family business in the Home Occupation section.

Teri Lewis clarified how density for acreage was determined. Jennifer Ray responded to the request for an attorney to draft the amendments by clarifying that the Town attorney found the

language drafted for the HNP-O District was consistent with the LMO, that LMO changes were made every year, and the purpose now is to move the District forward in order for land owners to take advantage.

The Task Force stated that they were not ready to take action on the HNP-O District as there were still too many questions. They requested that the next meeting addressed their concerns, that the Staff attorney be present, and to have a map to answer questions about the Marshfront properties in the Chaplin neighborhood.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 3:01 PM.

Submitted by: Sheryse DuBose

Approved: February 1, 2021