



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

August 6 at 1:00 pm

VIRTUAL VIA BLUEJEANS

MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: Lavon Stevens, Martha Davis, Ibrahim Abdul Malik, Joyce Wright, Teresa White

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 have 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, Wednesday, August 5, 2020, prior to the scheduled meeting. Comments for today's meeting were provided by Ibrahim Abdul Malik, 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 Wednesday, August 5, 2020, prior to the scheduled meeting. There were no request from citizens to participate by phone.

6. Discussion Item

Sheryse DuBose responded to the comments and questions that arose from the July 20th meeting. The responses were as follows: The five year hold from selling the property was for the purpose of land preservation and staff is willing to remove the stipulation, The RM-6 regulation will remain in place for the purposes of increasing density, the right-of-way to access property is deeded to the Town, and staff will address adjacent properties and will have visuals of examples for this as well as other proposed LMO changes.

Teri Lewis explained the role of zoning official and the process for receiving a development review application.

Responses from the Task Force included Staff clarifying the 60-day application turn-around process, the need for determining how Heirs' Property will be addressed in the proposed HNP-O District, and how the HNP-O District will address property owners who want to work on their land if a home occupation has already been established.

Jennifer Ray clarified that the HUD money for COVID-19 relief was approved by Town Council and Community Foundation of the Low Country will administer the money using an application process.

Chairman Stevens discussed the process of making people aware that they are on the tax list and reducing the number of people who are delinquent. Sheryse DuBose discussed the challenge of paying taxes with the stress of the pandemic, the tax payment schedule, and the tax sale date.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:32 PM.

Submitted by: Sheryse DuBose

Approved: February 1, 2021