



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

September 1, 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, Martha Davis

Present from Town Staff: Sheryse DuBose, Jennifer Ray, Teri Lewis, Josh Gruber, Shawn Colin, Jayme Lopko, Eileen Wilson, Teresa Haley

Present from Town Council: Bill Harkins, Marc Grant

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, Monday, August 31, 2020, prior to the scheduled meeting. Two comments made by the public were provided to the Task Force 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 Monday, August 31, 2020, prior to the scheduled meeting. There was one request to phone in with public comment.

6. Discussion Item

Chairman Stevens opened the meeting by stating that it is important for the Town of Hilton Head and the Gullah Community to coexist. Sheryse reviewed the Historic Overlay District based on the Gullah Geechee Cultural Preservation Report, reviewed the purpose of zoning to answer questions raised at the previous meeting, presented revisions to the Home Occupation section, and clarified how to calculate density per acre before asking the Task Force to move the proposed HNP-O District Amendments to the LMO Committee.

Questions and comments from the Task Force were as follows: Calculations for density should be rounded up within the proposed District, case studies should be presented to reflect the need for the Family Subdivision and Family Compound, provide consistency to the setback and

access requirements, clarification on whether the HNP-O District will address nonconforming uses, and there are still concerns about the proposed Home Occupation section within the District.

Chairman Stevens made the motion to move the HNP-O amendments forward, taking out the Home Occupation section, rounding up the acreage, to be consistent with the 20-foot right of way, and upzoning in Chaplin to eight units per acre, and the setback change from 30 feet to 20 feet. The motion was seconded by Todd Theodore. The motion was passed by a 5-0-0 vote.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Stevens adjourned the meeting at 2:47 PM.

Submitted by: Sheryse DuBose

Approved: February 1, 2021