



The Town of Hilton Head Island
**Gullah Geechee Land & Cultural
Preservation Task Force
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**

Present from the Task Force: Chairman Lavon Stevens, Vice Chairman Palmer E. Simmons, John Campbell, Tom Henz; Ibrahim Abdul-Malik

Absent from the Task Force: Shani Green (excused)

Present from Town Council: Alex Brown

Present from Town Staff: Missy Luick, *Community Planning Manager*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Shea Farrar, *Senior Planner*; Nichte Barrientos, *Planner*; Karen Knox, *Senior Administrative Assistant*; Brian Glover, *Administrative Assistant*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

As noted above.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stevens asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Abdul-Malik moved to approve. Mr. Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Meeting of July 11, 2022

Chairman Stevens asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2022. Mr. Abdul-Malik moved to approve. Mr. Simmons seconded. The Minutes of July 11, 2022, were approved by a vote of 4-0-1. Mr. Henz was not present at the meeting.

6. Appearance by Citizens

Public comments concerning agenda items were to be submitted electronically via the Open Town Hall HHI portal. There were no comments recorded.

Chairman Stevens asked if there were any citizens present who would like to speak. Tracy Young asked questions about requirements for operating pop-up shops. Mrs. Luick stated that she would assist her with her issues. She also stated that the issue will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

7. Discussion Items

a. Critical Path Discussion on Gullah Geechee Report All Recommendations

Mrs. Luick presented an overview of the Critical Path and Progress Tracking document. For each path, she provided a description and answered questions from the committee. Following Mrs. Luick's presentation, the Committee asked a few additional questions and expressed concerns about the job opening for the Senior Planner of Cultural and Historic Preservation. The Committee thanked Mrs. Luick for filling that role in the interim.

b. Update on Historic Districts Overlay District

Mrs. Luick provided a short description of the progress of the overlay district. She stated that the upcoming Mid-Island Redevelopment Workshop will likely contain recommendations which will be used in within the Historic Districts Overlay District. The Committee asked a few questions about the progress of the district's implementation answered by Mrs. Luick.

8. Staff Report

a. Mid-Island Redevelopment District Update

Mrs. Luick gave a short description of the topics included in the Mid-Island Redevelopment District and stated that will be a Workshop on September 14th, 2022, discussing the district.

b. Historic Neighborhood Design Studio Report

Mrs. Luick stated that the report was included in the agenda packet. It contains an outline detailing the status of all service requests received.

c. Town Open Positions Update

Mrs. Luick provided the list of open positions. She stated that within the list the Senior Planner of Cultural and Historic Preservation and Director of Cultural Affairs directly affect the Gullah Geechee Task Force.

d. Home Safety and Repair Program Update

Mrs. Luick stated that for progress to continue, the program needs the contractors to implement the repairs. She provided an overview of the number of applicants and the approval status.

e. Sewer Connection Program Update

Mrs. Luick provided an overview of the number of applicants and the approval status.

9. Public Comments

Tai Scott spoke before the about several topics including impact fee waivers, tourism locations, and workforce housing. Mrs. Luick addressed his questions and concerns, as well as additional questions from the committee.

Tracy Young asked procedures of the Home Safety and Repair Program. This was answered by Mrs. Luick.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Brian Glover, Secretary

Approved: October 10, 2022