



**Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 09, 2022 – 3:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

Present from the Commission: Jack Daly, *Vice Chairman*; Thomas Dowling; Christina Kristian; Mike Manesiotis

Absent from Commission: Ray Kisiah, William Zurilla

Present from Town Staff: Jennifer Ray, *Capital Program Manager*; Aaron Black, *Facilities Manager*; Taylor Ladd, *Project Manager*; Karen Knox, *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Present from Town Council: Glenn Stanford

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kisiah called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. 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.

4. Roll Call – Chairman Kisiah and Commissioner Zurilla were excused.

5. Approval of Minutes

- May 12, 2022

Commissioner Kristian moved to approve. Commissioner Dowling seconded. The Minutes of May 12, 2022 were unanimously approved.

6. Appearance by Citizens – One comment was received to the Open Town Hall Portal. The report was sent to all Commissioners and made a part of the record.

7. Reports

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a) Summer Community Survey Overview – Taylor Ladd

Taylor Ladd stated the Agenda for today was revised per direction by the Chairman to push back the review of the Workbook till the September meeting.

Ms. Ladd stated part of your duties as outlined in the Municipal Code is to issue periodic surveys to keep up with the heartbeat of the community in terms of our Parks and Recreation, our Parks network and to understand trends that have arisen since the Parks & Recreation Masterplan was developed.

Ms. Ladd led a discussion with the Commissioners over each of the survey topic areas to get their input to use in preparation of the summer survey.

The survey topics are as follows:

- 1) Parks, Existing and Proposed
- 2) Recreation Facilities
- 3) Programming
- 4) Funding
- 5) Maintenance and Operations

Two members of the public spoke to the Commission about this topic. Mr. Bob Soltys stated the Town has just spent over 2 ½ years of effort to come up with a very well thought out to-do list. We should just get on with the list and not do the survey. Mr. Frank Babel stated visitors are looking for things to do, but do not necessarily know where anything is or what is going on. This item needs to be addressed. Vice Chairman Daly stated perhaps all this information could be contained in MyHHI App.

10. Updates

a) Park Maintenance – Aaron Black

Aaron Black provided a park maintenance update for the Commission. This included a recap of Memorial Day weekend and general maintenance activities being conducted on the pathways and park facilities. This includes patching, repairs, lighting inspections for the skate park, and pressure washing. Mr. Black discussed the summer programs – Beach Ambassadors, Parking Monitors, Finnegan's Share Shack, and the beach wheelchair program.

b) Staff Report – Taylor Ladd

Taylor Ladd stated the next meeting will be September 8, 2022, after the summer recess. Ms. Ladd reviewed other items of interest for the Commission regarding a potential special meeting for the Mid-Island Park Project and the grand opening of the Islander's Beach Park overlook pavilion and Shelter Cove Connectivity Project. She explained the Shelter Cove project which has a Trail Head that will be integrated into the future planning for the Chaplin Linear Park. Ms. Ladd also shared that this week

Town Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, which includes \$13.7 million for parks and \$1.3 million allotted for beach parks.

11. Park Commissioner Comments

Vice Chairman Daly stated he is so glad to see so many items in progress and is supportive of the survey.

12. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen D. Knox, Secretary

Approved: September 8, 2022