

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA
PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 13, 2008**

A workshop/special meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Planning Commission was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 in Town Council Chambers, 1610 Middle Street all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Commission members Chairman Hal Currey; Vice-Chairman John Winchester, Aussie Geer, Nicky Bluestein, Anne Osborne Kilpatrick and Bobby Thompson (arrived at 5:25p.m.); Zoning Administrator Kent Prause, Building Official Randy Robinson and Assistant to Administrator Lisa Darrow.

I. Call to Order. Chairman Currey called the meeting to order, stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law and noted that all Commission members were present except Ms. Elaine Fowler who had work conflicts.

II. Synopsis of Public Surveys and Feedback from January 29, 2008 Public Forum

Chairman Currey reported that the January 29, 2008 Public Forum was a good success with well over fifty (50) residents attending and providing input on the Comprehensive Plan. He and the Committee expressed its appreciation to Town Staff and Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments (BCD-COG) representatives for their assistance in coordinating the event.

Vonie Gilreath, Senior Planner, BCD-COG

Sam Spence, Staff Intern, BCD-COG

Ms. Gilreath and Mr. Spence noted they have compiled thirty-five (35) surveys to date, with additional forms being received daily, and will have a matrix summary for the Commission at its next workshop. Commission members briefly discussed survey results and will look forward summary next month.

III. Review of Town Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Gilreath reviewed the following elements for the Comprehensive Plan and Commission offered the following comments (**both attached as Exhibit A and B**):

1. Population (Exhibit A)

Commission expressed need for more updated figures than 2000 census data. Commission also asked for updated information regarding youth on the Island. Suggested sources for this data include: schools, voter registration records and property tax records. Commission debated merits of a special population count, conducted once the Commission had determined the type of data needed for the Comprehensive Plan. Commission questioned some historical data which Ms. Gilreath said she would double check. This element will be revised and revisited in a future meeting, probably in March.

2. Economic (Exhibit B)

Again, Commission expressed need for more updated statistics. Ms. Gilreath indicated she would go to the following sources to ascertain more current economic data: property tax records, Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Association of South Carolina and the State Budget and Control Board (search by zip code). Commission briefly discussed the Community Commercial District, agreeing to make general reference to the pending Master Community Commercial District Plan, a study which Council intends to initiate in this calendar year. Commission discussed reference to the Town's interconnectivity with neighboring communities, such as the Town of Mount Pleasant and City of Isle of Palms, to provide a more regional perspective of the Town's situation. There was no conclusive decision to include or omit this information. This element will be revised and revisited in a future meeting, probably in March.

The next workshop will be March 12, 2008 from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Elements to be discussed include Cultural Resources, Natural Resources and Transportation. The Population and Economic elements may be revisited at that time. Additionally, the Commission will be provided with the public survey summary at that time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Darrow
Asst. to Administrator

Approved at the March 12, 2008 Regular Planning Commission Meeting