

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA
PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 12, 2008**

A workshop/special meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Planning Commission was held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2008 in Town Council Chambers, 1610 Middle Street all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Commission members Vice-Chairman John Winchester, Nicky Bluestein, Anne Osborne Kilpatrick and Bobby Thompson (arrived at 5:25p.m.); Zoning Administrator Kent Prause and Assistant to Administrator Lisa Darrow. Absent were Chairman Hal Currey, Aussie Geer and Elaine Fowler.

I. Call to Order. Vice-Chairman Winchester called the meeting to order and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law. Vice-Chairman Winchester noted Chairman Currey was detained until 6:30pm and Mr. Thompson would arrive by 5:30 p.m. He noted the Commission did not have a quorum; however members in attendance agreed to have representatives from BCD-COG present the Comprehensive Plan Element information prepared for tonight's workshop. The data would be taken as information only, with no recommendations or motions made until quorum was achieved.

II. Synopsis of Public Surveys and Feedback

Vonie Gilreath, Senior Planner, BCD-COG

Sam Spence, Staff Intern, BCD-COG

Mr. Spence reviewed summary reports of the public surveys received to date (Exhibit A). Minor corrections to the survey categories and headings were noted. Mr. Spence will provide correct reports.

The Commission discussed the Population element reviewed last month, noting the 2000 Census data was outdated. Ms. Gilreath articulated her office's efforts to update that information, through school surveys and other means.

III. Review of Town Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Thompson arrived during review of the Transportation Element (5:30pm), constituting a quorum.

Ms. Gilreath reviewed the following elements for the Comprehensive Plan and Commission offered the following comments (**attached as Exhibits B & C**):

1. Transportation (Exhibit B)

Commission asked for the following revisions:

- Clarify SCDOT owns all Town roads (page 1);
- Obtain traffic volume data from SCDOT for 2005 (if possible) and 2007, when available (page 1);
- Include CARTA ridership data (page 3);

- Re-work and generalize bicycle-friendly information (page 3-4);
- Summary of Needs and Goals language:
 - Work with SCDOT on road maintenance
 - Condense Needs and Goals regarding bicycle enhancement into a general statement about bicycle safety and friendliness policies (page 4);
 - Weave into Needs & Goals pursuit of grants for sidewalks, striping and bicycle trails;
 - Work toward East Coast Greenway designation.

2. Cultural Resources (Exhibit C)

The Commission worked through most of this Element (stopped at page 7 of 10). Commission asked for the following revisions:

- Minor semantic changes in the History section (page 1);
- Include additional information regarding African American history and slavery trade, significance of Battle of Fort Moultrie to the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Breech inlet which occurred a few days thereafter (page 1-2);
- Include dates Township and Town established on timeline (page 3);
- Include Town map listing historic sites (page 6);
- Include reference that that the Town's three (3) historic overlay districts are now on the National Historic Register (page 6);
- Attempt to include one map which lists the National Historic Register area, the Town's three (3) historic overlay districts and notable historic areas/landmarks. Mr. Thompson recommended inclusion of, or reference to, results from the three (3) Schneider Historic Preservation, LLC studies (most recent update Fall 2007);
- Clarify and check boundaries of Commercial area (page 6);
- Delete reference to "hurricane-proof houses," renumber and expand list of notable houses (page 7).

The Commission stopped review of Cultural Resources at this time to begin regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

The next workshop is scheduled from 5:00pm – 6:30pm at Town Hall on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Elements to be discussed include:

- (1) Balance of Cultural Resources;
- (2) Natural Resources (scheduled for tonight);
- (3) Community Facilities; and
- (4) Housing.

Ms. Gilreath noted that in May 2008 BCD-COG planned to cover the Priority Investment Element and start the Land Use Element.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Darrow

Asst. to Administrator

Approved at the April 9, 2008 Regular Planning Commission Meeting