



**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA  
LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

The Land Use and Natural Resources Committee met at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 1, 2024, at Town Hall (2056 Middle St.), all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been met. Present were:

Committee members: Gary Visser (Chair), Carl Hubbard, and Pat O'Neil

Staff: Town Administrator Joe Henderson, Charles Drayton, Rebecca Fanning, Greg Gress, Amanda Hawver, Pam Otto, Anthony Stith.

- 1. Call to Order.** Chair Visser called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m., stating the press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law, and all Committee members were present.

Media: None present

Public: Five (5)

- 2. Approval of the Minutes from March 27, 2024**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Pat O'Neil, seconded by Chair Visser, to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2024 Land Use and Natural Resources Meeting, passed 2-0, passed unanimously.

- 3. US Army Corps Sand Project: Coastal Science & Engineering to provide project update.**

Joe Henderson introduced Nicole Elko and Steven Trainor from Coastal Science Engineering to give a presentation regarding the "Sand Rehandling Project," which will follow the US Army Corps Sand Project. Mr. Trainor gave some background and details about the project, as well as provided a timeline and recommendations. The Corps Sand Project is already underway, and the sand will first be pumped to Isle of Palms, likely starting in August. The timeline is subject to change, but he expects sand to start showing up on Sullivan's Island in early fall. Mr. Trainor gave an overview of their plans for the project and provided a visual. He then took questions from the Committee.

#### **4. Update and discussion regarding Dominion Power and Tree Removal**

Rebecca Fanning presented an update about the tree removal project, which will begin July 8. The trees with red dots will be the only ones removed during this first cycle, which is about 256 trees. The 269 with white dots will remain for now. There are 9 that are potentially historical and are being reviewed further. She provided a map and timeline for Dominion's removal plan, as well as details about their pruning standards. The palmettos will be cut flush to the ground. If residents want to have the tree relocated and part of the trunk remain, they will need to call Dominion's customer service line (1-800-251-7234) and request a work order. If the tree is in the SCDOT right-of-way, they will need to include DOT in the work order. Residents cannot relocate trees without confirming with Dominion that it is out of the safeguard zone. Relocation would also require a permit from the Town. Planting any replacements will first need to consider all utilities and how they will be impacted in the future. Ms. Fanning is working on a plan that will hopefully guide residents and the Town towards best planting practices. She then took questions from the Committee.

There was also discussion about managing a tree-planting project with a not-for-profit, with financial assistance from SC DOT and Dominion, and possibly the Town's Tree Commission. Charles Drayton stated the Town will be doing a canopy analysis in October 2024, which can help with determining where trees should be planted.

#### **5. Discussion of recommendations of LUNR subcommittee for historic design recognition**

Chair Visser stated the ad hoc committee has submitted a name and a design to Larry Dodds for copyright.

#### **6. Discussion of historic marker**

Fire Chief Anthony Stith stated the Breach Inlet sign is ready to be installed and the other four will be ready by Friday, July 12.

#### **7. Update on signs for the Nature Trail**

Ms. Fanning stated the trailhead signs that will be at Stations 16 and 18 ½ have been edited and will be ready soon. Mr. Henderson showed a map with their locations, as well as possible other markers and where benches will be located. Chair Visser mentioned that the planning for this trail began six years ago in the last comprehensive plan and has been discussed and voted on in multiple public meetings since then.

#### **8. Discussion of Transportation Alternative grant from CHATS**

Mr. Drayton reviewed the grant application that was submitted last month for a master plan for the commercial district. This plan would include evaluating the parking situation, safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, and incorporating the stormwater master plan. There was discussion about the last parking assessment that was done a few years ago and how this would change with a new one, with input from Mr. Drayton and Chief Stith.

## 9. Adjourn

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. by Mr. O’Neil, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela A. Otto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Pamela Otto

Approved at August 13, 2024 LUNR meeting