



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

Monday, December 6, 2021

Committee met at 8:45 a.m., Monday, December 6, 2021, at Town Hall (2056 Middle St.), all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been met. Present were;
Committee members: Gary Visser (Chair), Scott Millimet, and Pat O'Neil
Staff: Zoning Administrator Joe Henderson and Committee staff member Pam Otto

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Visser called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m., stating the press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law, and all Committee members were present.

Media: None present

Public: Four (4) member present

2. **Public Comments and Correspondence.**

- Barbara Spell, 1702 Atlantic Avenue – spoke about her concerns of the Public Facilities zoning at Battery Logan (Station 16 and Atlantic), specifically the open field there. She feels putting a conservation easement on the property is best so discussions can be had, and covenants can be made regarding the area.

3. **Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2021 LUNR meeting.**

Motion: Mr. Millimet made a motion to approve the draft minutes from November 9, 2021, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, this motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consideration of forming a sub-committee of LUNR to examine historic property ordinances and their intersection with existing building ordinances.**

Chair Visser gave a summary of the Comprehensive Plan objectives, which is required every ten years and are to be reviewed every five years. One goal in the Plan was to review the historical property ordinances laid out. The intent is to form a sub-committee of the LUNR Committee (rather than one of Town Council) to study the current ordinances and make recommendations based on their findings. The sub-committee meetings would be fully transparent and follow the rules of public meetings, as well as be available to anyone that was not able to attend the meeting person.

Mr. Joe Henderson stated the purpose of the committee would be to study and/or evaluate the current conditions of the Town's zoning regulations and ordinances, as well as a review of how the Town has been handling the protection and regulation of historical buildings.

Mr. Millimet spoke about an issue he feels the study group could address, which is the rules regarding new builds and whether these rules are being followed. Mr. O'Neil stated he is interested in having the group give an assessment of how well the Town has been doing in regard to historic preservations over the past 15 years or so.

Mr. Visser stated the need to recruit members that are not only interested in these issues, but also members that have specific expertise relating to building and historical preservation. He gave his own recommendations for both voting and non-voting members, and who to service advisory group (also non-voting).

Non-Voting: Joe Henderson, Randy Robinson, Max Wurthmann, Pat O'Neil and Gary Visser

Voting: John Winchester (Chair), Aussie Greer (Vice-Chair), Manda Poletti, Elizabeth Tezza, Beverly Bohan, Rita Langley, Michael Daly, Eddie Fava, Christina Butler

Advisory: Roy Williams, Mike Walsh, Linda Perkis, Mark Howard, Karen Coste, Hal Currey, Kathy Heller, Carlson Huey

The advisory group to the LUNR Committee has been approved and can move forward.

Motion: A motion was made to invite the listed individuals to participate in the group in the matter described, seconded by Mr. Millimet, passed unanimously.

- Kimberly Brown, 2108 Pettigrew Street-she is unclear on what the DRB isn't currently doing that this new group will do and what exactly the group would be voting on. She also has some concerns about the proposed members of the group and feels selecting the group should be open to the Public.

Mr. Millimet feels the purpose of the group would be to review the rules, their effectiveness, and the extent to which they are being followed. He also mentioned the choosing of the group done by an elected Town Council member feels adequate as Town Council members are elected to represent the Public and their interests.

Chauncey Clark, 2119 Pettigrew Street-stated his support of evaluating the performance of the current ordinances. He feels providing incentives to homeowners that are willing to adhere to specific design change requests is important. He also mentioned the importance of being mindful of property rights and how they intersect with Town ordinances.

Chair Visser stated the name will be the “historical preservation study group.” Mr. O’Neil reiterated the group will not have judicial or legislative authority and will be providing more general guidance, rather than specific judgements or critiques of specific designs.

5. **Adjourn.** There being no further public discussion or new business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. O’Neil; seconded by Mr. Millimet, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela Otto

Approved at July 19, 2022 Council Meeting