



Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Public Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 31, 2023

1. **Call to Order & Freedom of Information Act Requirements:** The Public Facilities Committee of Council met at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Carl Hubbard (Chair), Ned Higgins, and Gary Visser. Staff members present were Jason Blanton, Charles Drayton, Assistant Fire Chief Amanda Hawver, Joe Henderson, Fire Chief Anthony Stith, Bridget Welch, and Max Wurthmann. There was one (1) member of the public present and no (0) members of the media.

Chair Hubbard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

2. **Discussion of Boardwalk Repairs and Replacement**

Joe Henderson reviewed the progress on beach boardwalk repairs and the grants that have been approved to fund the projects. Stations 24, 26, and 28 are the next paths to use the Greenbelt Grant Replacement funds for repairs and/or replacement. The contractor estimate (without engineering) is just over \$1 million. Engineering has already been funded, largely by proceeds from bonds, the hospitality tax fund, and the general fund budget. The Committee discussed which Stations would need attention next.

3. **Discussion of Additional Historical Signage with objective of selecting the next three sites for signage:**

- Battery Thompson (Draft sent)
- Officer's Row Sr.
- Officer's Row Jr.
- Historic Cemetery on Myrtle
- Site of the Fort's Recreation Center
- Post Pump House and Reservoir Just East of Station 17
- Concrete footings near Benke-Lowe Landing

- Improved Sign for site of Cove Bridge
- Communications Bunker
- Battery 520 Bunker Houses on I'On
- Marshall Reservation
- Post Headquarters
- Commissary Building
- Quartermaster's Building
- Post Theater

Chair Hubbard stated they are ready to choose the next four signs. Mike Walsh recommended Senior Officer's Row, the Cove Bridge, the Marshall Reservation, and the Post Theater. There was discussion about the placement of the sign for Senior Officer's Row. Mr. Henderson will reach out to SCDOT about the possibility of placing them at each end of the row.

They then discussed placement of the Post Theater, Cove Bridge, and Marshall Reservation. Those will likely be on Town Property and not require an encroachment permit from SCDOT. They also discussed the possibility of creating a walking tour that guides people through the historic locations.

4. Begin discussion of old Town Hall building. What documents are required to be preserved per the State Archives? What measures to be taken to clean the interior of building?

Mr. Henderson stated he believes there are building department plans and photographs and books from the court system, neither of which need to be retained. He stated staff would likely need to go back in to confirm, but there are no needed documents left. The accessible part of the building is now being used for police storage. Mr. Visser feels the building needs to be completely emptied as soon as possible. Mr. Blanton stated the files can be shredded and the files cabinets be disposed of. The Committee will recommend that Council approve getting everything out of the building and then decide if any remediation is needed. Mr. Henderson stated they will get bids to have it cleaned and assessed.

5. Pump Houses complete with roof, landscaping, and lighting?

The project is complete, and the Pump Houses now have slate shingles, lighting, and landscaping.

6. Discussion of possible mural for Battery Thompson by Quinton Chaplin

Artist Quinton Chaplin approached Andy Benke about painting a mural around Battery Thompson. Chief Stith suggested incorporating an arrow that points to the beach path into the design. Mr. Henderson suggested the design be approved by the Design Review Board since the Battery is an individually listed property on the national historic registry. The Committee will make a decision after Mr. Chaplin presents a few ideas and a quote.

7. Adjourn

Motion was made by Gary Visser, seconded by Ned Higgins, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch