



Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Public Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2025

A. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Act Requirements: The Public Facilities Committee of Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Ned Higgins and Carl Hubbard (Chair). Staff members present were Charles Drayton, Rebecca Fanning, Town Administrator Joe Henderson, Fire Chief Anthony Stith, Bridget Welch, and Max Wurthmann. There were seven (7) members of the public present and no (0) members of the media.

B. Chair Hubbard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

C. New Business (Possible Action Item)

1. Discussion of Station 24 boardwalk preliminary drawings

Director of Resilience and Natural Resource Management Rebecca Fanning presented the preliminary drawings for the Station 24 boardwalk replacement. She provided different options for the Committee to review and decide what to recommend to Council. Station 24 is the number one priority on the list of replacements. Fire Chief Anthony Stith voiced his support for extending the boardwalk to the station marker on the beach. She stated the Town has received \$30,000 from the Greenbelt Program, which will cover the preliminary drawings. There are a number of state statutes and building codes that must be followed for the construction of boardwalks, which informs the plan options. Chief Stith also discussed the brush around the boardwalks, requesting to cut back 20 feet on each side. She also took questions from Committee. The Committee agreed to request that the engineers build the shortest ramp possible, using traits from two different options.

Public Comments:

- Andy Horwitz, 2319 Atlantic Ave – provided some information about flooding near the path, and stated he would prefer no stairs.
- Jennifer King, 2419 & 2420 Atlantic Ave – would prefer ramp access and supports cutting 10 feet back from the boardwalks.

- Peter Whitehouse, 2407 Atlantic – would appreciate to continue to have resident access on the sides and supports a ramp over stairs
- Todd Turchetta, 2301 Atlantic Ave – supports trimming back 10 feet from the boardwalk and had questions about the Station 23 path.

D. Old Business (Staff update available)

1. Discussion of Welcome signs onto the Island (J. Henderson)

Town Administrator Joe Henderson showed the existing sign and stated they have been given approval from SCDOT to add to it. The Town would like residents to offer suggestions for a tagline to add to the sign to celebrate the Island's significant role in the SC 250 celebrations. People can submit suggestions on the Town's website. Mr. Henderson also showed an example of banners for light poles and/or on public buildings. Dominion Energy would need to approve putting banners on light poles. Chair Hubbard and Mr. Higgins support the banners over altering the sign and would like some more research done by staff regarding placement and budget.

2. SC250 discussion for Palmetto Log Fort (J. Henderson and C. Drayton)

Battery Gadsden has been suggested as a location for the Palmetto Log Fort. Mr. Henderson suggested incorporating these plans into an overall improvement of the concrete in the area. He mentioned converting it to a green space and possibly adding in picnic tables and parking improvements. The Committee agrees to blend the two projects of the Log Fort and the concrete repairs into one for the engineers.

3. Discussion of additional lighting at Town Hall

4. Discussion of Battery Gadsden Paving and Repair

Mr. Henderson showed the hazardous cracked concrete that is in need of repair and stated it was poured over 100 years ago by the US Military. Battery Gadsden requested it be fully removed and repoured. He suggested possibly replacing the concrete with some sort of pervious service.

5. Update of Old Town Hall building and sub-committee (M. Wurthmann and C. Drayton)

Building Inspector Max Wurthmann stated they are still working on getting an updated survey for the building.

Public Comment:

- Laura Schroeder, 204 Station 19 – supports the SC250 banners and would like more information about the costs of installation and upkeep of the Log Fort.

6. Discussion and update of Station 24 Greenbelt Application (R. Fanning)

E. Public Comment

F. Adjourn

Motion was made by Chair Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch