

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN’S ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan’s Island Planning Commission was held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Town Hall, 2050-B Middle Street, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Commission members Chair Visser, Vice Chair (acting) Hal Currey, Sydney Cook, Carl Hubbard, Carlsen Huey and Manda Poletti. Staff members present: Asst. to Administrator Darrow.

Call to Order. Chair Visser called the meeting to order, stated press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law and all Commissioners were present (Zoning Administrator Henderson and Building Official Robinson were absent for conference). Two members of the public present (Sarah Church & Carol Killough); no media.

Chair Visser offered his annual disclosure: until recently he worked as a salesman for Hach Company, a vendor that provides water and waste water supplies to the Town of Sullivan’s Island. Chair Visser noted he is now the Applications Development Manager Drinking Water U.S.

I. Approval of Agenda – Commission approved agenda with no changes

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Currey moved to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes; seconded by Mr. Hubbard; MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

III. Items for Information

1. Town of Sullivan’s Island Comprehensive Plan, Population Element: The Commission requests review of the various needs and goals of Chapter 3, Population Element of the Sullivan’s Island Comprehensive Plan.

Commission reviewed the 2013 Comprehensive Plan documents regarding the Population Element, particularly any action regarding the stated Needs & Goals.

Volunteerism (Needs & Goals Item 1, Implementation 2):

- Mr. Huey noted the Battery Gadsden group held a meeting within the last month that was well attended by interested Island residents.
- Ms. Poletti commented the Park Foundation held a Stith Park clean up on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Despite the raw, cold weather, 40-50 people came out to help with the clean-up.

Vacation Rentals (Needs & Goals Item 2, Implementations 4-5)

- Commission discussed the differences between short term/vacation rentals and long-term rentals, but made no recommendations on this item.

Mr. Huey commented that, as the demographics show an aging population on Sullivan's Island, the Town should give consideration to a Senior Center for those citizens. He noted the Town of Mt. Pleasant and City of Isle of Palms facilities and programs were very popular. He submitted the old Town Hall would make a good facility for a Senior Center.

Commission made no specific motions or recommendations to Council

Commission has completed its review of the Population Element.

2. **Staff Update on Town Projects:** Staff provided an oral update on various Town projects for Commission's information (no action taken).

Chair Visser requested update on potential action taken from the Commission's previously made recommendations to Council regarding the Station 19/Old Dump space (chain gate, trash bins, installing signs, etc.).

Ms. Cook noted Surfside Beach, Atlantic Beach and North Myrtle Beach are moving to ban cigarette smoking on the beach. Commission briefly discussed this concept.

Ms. Poletti (also an active member of the Park Foundation) provided information about the refurbishment project, soon to occur, at the tennis courts on Middle/Citadel Street (known as the Citadel Tennis Court Replacement project), and, the Park Foundation's financial support of this project.

Next Meeting – (6:30pm) Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Town Hall

3. Correspondence & General Public Comments

Carol Killough, 1813 Back Street, Sullivan's Island

- Expressed concern about the trash and vehicular damage to the grounds at the Station 19 Street "Old Dump" pocket park.
- Noted that when she volunteered with the Island Turtle Team, she witnessed many cigarette butts at the high tide line on Sullivan's Island.
- Commented on the tennis courts at Stith Park and expressed her support for professional instructors to continue providing lessons, particularly noting how many Island resident youth receive lessons from the professional instructors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m. (Mr. Currey motioned; Ms. Poletti seconded; unanimously passed).

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Darrow
Asst. to Administrator

Approved at the Wednesday, April 8, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting