

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA
PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

A workshop/special meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Planning Commission was held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2008 in Town Council Chambers, 1610 Middle Street all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Commission members Chairman Hal Currey, Vice-Chairman John Winchester, Aussie Geer, Nicky Bluestein and Anne Osborne Kilpatrick; Zoning Administrator Kent Prause and Assistant to Administrator Lisa Darrow. Absent were Elaine Fowler and Bobby Thompson.

I. Call to Order. Chairman Currey called the meeting to order, stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law and confirmed the Commission had a quorum of members present.

III. Review of Town Comprehensive Plan

Vonie Gilreath, Senior Planner, BCD-COG

Ms. Gilreath reviewed the following Community Facilities and Priority Investment elements for the Comprehensive Plan and Commission offered the following comments (**attached as Exhibits A and B**):

1. Community Facilities (Exhibit A)

Commission asked for the following revisions:

- Change water supplier name to Charleston Water Systems, not Charleston Commissioner of Public Works – (page 1 of 5);
- Characterize rate scale as follows, “The Town uses a progressive rate structure....” (paragraph four, page 1 of 5);
- Verify discharge of treated wastewater into Cove Creek (page 2 of 5);
- Include reference as to number of Fire and Rescue Volunteers; verify if 32 volunteers (page 2 of 5);
- Attach map & list of hydrants on Island as appendix, incorporating number of hydrants (page 3 of 5);
- Remove second sentence under EMS, “The 1997 Mt. Pleasant budget moves the EMS to a new station that will be 2.2 miles from the Island.” (page 3 of 5);
- Remove sentence under Education Facilities, “Because of the school’s land-locked expansion of the building is impossible...;” (page 4 of 5);
- Include reference to Sullivan’s Island Elementary School being located on approximately 19.2 acres of land with a 99 year lease from the Town of Sullivan’s Island, said lease being entered into in 1947 (page 4 of 5);

Commission expressed need for Town department heads to review the draft Community Facilities Element for accuracy and updates. Chairman Currey indicated

he would coordinate regarding Town, Fire and Police and Vice-Chairman Winchester said he would coordinate regarding Water & Sewer.

2. Priority Investment (Exhibit B)

Commission asked for the following revisions to the draft provided by BCD-COG representative at this meeting:

- Verify Southern Management's role in the renovations of the Sullivan's Island Elementary School (page 2 of 2);

It was noted that this new Comprehensive Plan Element, Priority Investment, requires the Town to identify public monies available and/or needed over the next ten (10) years and where the funds should be spent and in what priority.

General themes and comments expressed by the Planning Commission on this element include:

- Explore and pursue opportunities for cost sharing or savings through regionalization opportunities and consolidated purchasing in such areas as:
 - Fire, Police & Safety
 - Sewage treatment
 - Recreation opportunities and/or facilities
 - Shared school land use
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Stormwater run-off management;
 - Solid waste disposal and refuse collection
 - Encourage public transportation

Ms. Gilreath indicated that she would provide additional inputs and/or suggestions for Priority Investment, as all municipalities are working to develop a good model or template for this new element.

The June workshop is scheduled from 5:00pm – 6:30pm at Town Hall on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. The element to be reviewed will be Land Use

Chairman Currey noted that the Commission has scheduled an additional Workshop/Special Meeting for Thursday, May 22, 2008. The purpose for this workshop is the review of Needs & Goals for:

- (1) Natural Resources
- (2) Community Facilities and
- (3) Housing

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Darrow
Asst. to Administrator

Approved at the June 11, 2008 Regular Planning Commission Meeting