

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Kiawah Island Municipal Center
Council Chambers
May 9, 2017; 3:00 PM

Minutes

I. **Call to Order:** *Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.*

II. **Roll Call:**

Present: Jim Jordan, Chairman
Diana Mezzanotte
Jim Chitwood
Lynne Sager
Jim Sullivan
Jane Ellis
Lynette Schroeder
Sandra Williams
Robert Simmons
KICA: Andrew Kreminski
KIGR: Liz King
KINHC: Jack Kotz
KINHC: Justin Core
TOKI: Aaron Given

Absent: David Elliott
Marilyn Olson
John Leffler
ARB: Amanda Mole
KICA: Matt Hill

III. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017

Mr. Sager made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Environmental Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sullivan and was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Mezzanotte stated that her recommendation to change the Environmental Committee (EC) charter was approved at the last Town Council meeting. Going forward, Jim Jordan will Chair the EC Committee with Mrs. Mezzanotte acting as the Council Liaison. She felt the Committee should begin setting some long-term objectives and a stable Chairman with a science background can achieve that objective.

IV. **Reports:**

A. Town of Kiawah Island

Mr. Jordan reported on:

⬇ **Beach**

- KP Permit to place sand along Captain Sam's Spit, Public meeting on April 18 (6-8 pm)

- Well attended, lots of public comments, final decision will be reported when announced.

Mr. Given reported on:

- ✚ **Painted Buntings**
 - Starting this month

Mr. Jordan reported on:

- ✚ **Kiawah Conservancy Filming**
 - 2 new documentaries (shorebirds and bobcats)
 - Shorebirds 2017, Bobcats 2018
 - 4 days of filming in April
- ✚ **Alligator Research**
 - Capture efforts to begin in May 12
 - Plan to catch 30-40 alligators, fit with visual tags
 - 5 will be fitted with GPS tags (early June)
 - Collect locations every 30 minutes during night
 - Every hour during day
- ✚ **Bobcat GPS Study – Trapping February-April**
 - 4 bobcats collared
 - Resume trapping in fall 2017
- ✚ **Outreach**
 - Kiawah Conservancy Garden Walk, Bluebirds, May 3
 - Homeschool Field Trip, May 19
 - Bulls Bay Nature Festival, Bird Banding, May 20th

B. Kiawah Island Community Association Land & Lakes Management

Mr. Kreminski reported that KICA Lakes Department was working on mosquito control and KICA Land was looking at a stand of pine trees in the Preserve which died due to saltwater intrusion and have received complaints.

C. Kiawah Island Golf Resort

Ms. King reported she noted landscaping being done at a pond near the nature center and cautioned on watch for alligator living in the pond that could venture onto the bike path if the landscaping is removed.

Ms. King reported that she had received numerous requests from the post & Courier for permission to post items the Town and Turtle Patrol has been posted to Facebook and shared by the Nature Center. Mrs. Braswell-Edgerton, Communications Specialist for the Town requested that all those requests be forwarded to her.

D. Kiawah Island Architectural Review Board None

E. Kiawah Conservancy

Mr. Core reported on the upcoming Environmental Science Committee meeting, and events that have been going on.

F. Turtle Patrol

Mrs. Segar reported that the first nest of the season, on May 3, was earlier than expected with 5 nests, 2 short stakes, and 2 false crawls. She also reported on celebration of World Turtle Day at the Aquarium on May 27th and 28th, and the opening of the new expansion of turtle hospital.

V. Old Business

A. Environmental Input Into Planning Department Decisions

Mr. Jordan stated that at previous meetings the question was raised if the EC could assist in decisions made by the Town's Planning Commission. He explained after discussion with the Chairman of the Planning Commission, it was decided that the best role for the EC was with the County Planning staff who will notify Mr. Jordan when an item is submitted that may need review by the Committee.

B. Sea Level Rise

Mrs. Mezzanotte reported that the Subcommittee would be expanding with the addition of two new members from the Community Association. She indicated the members would be meeting with Seabrook and other local entities having substantial Sea Level Rise Initiatives.

VI. New Business

A. Beach No Dog Area Buoys

Mr. Jordan presented illustrations of the buoys used by Seabrook to designate No Dog Areas. Members engaged in a discussion of the use of two buoys in each of the critical habitat areas on the beach. The recommendation was made to move forward with any approval process.

B. Kiawah Conservancy/KICA Guest Guide Rewrite

Mr. Core gave a brief background on the Guest Guide done by the Conservancy and Community Association and distributed throughout the Island. Members discussed the need for an update, with any suggestions to be sent to Mr. Jordan.

VII. Citizen Comments:

Mrs. Kulick expressed her approval of the use of the buoys to designate the No Dog Areas and consulting the EC in some of the Planning Commission decisions.

VIII. Chairman's Comments:

Mr. Jordan stated he was happy to be in charge of the Committee and would try to help get things done.

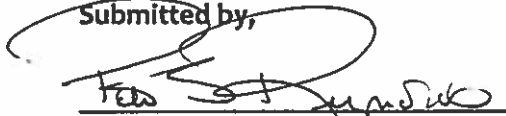
IX. Committee Member Comments:

None

X. **Adjournment:**

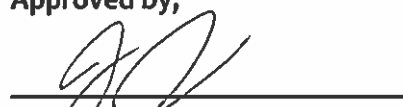
The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,



Jim Jordan, Chairman

8/18/17

Date