



Folly Beach Planning Commission Regular Meeting

January 5, 2015

7:00PM

Council Chambers, 21 Center Street

Commission Members: Beth Saunders, Chairman; Anton Dumars, Vice Chair; Kirk Grant; Sam Robinson; Greg Anderson; Lajuan Kennedy; Karen McNamara-Burkette; John Merritt, Jr., John Pence

Work Session 6:00pm – Finalizing Survey Questions for Comprehensive Plan

Regular Meeting 7:00pm

1: Call to Order; Roll Call

Present: Kennedy, Merritt, Burkette, Pence, Grant, Robinson,
Dumars
Absent: Anderson, Saunders
Council Members Present: Stuckey, Clamp, Scruggs

2: Freedom of Information Statement

3: Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Pence made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting and Mr. Merritt seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

4: Personal Appearances

5: Citizens' Comments

6: Unfinished Business

7: New Business

A. Kickoff Meeting/Review of Comp Plan Process/Introduction for Public

B. Review of Comp Plan Introduction Section: Vision, Themes and Philosophy

Mr. Pope gave an introduction to the Comprehensive Plan: what it is, why we do it, the planning process and the individual sections of the plan. He stated a big part of the plan is public input. He encouraged citizens to attend the meetings and to participate in the survey which will be available by February 1. He also detailed some of what will go into the preparation of each section of the plan.

There are also many planning efforts in progress throughout the City, such as the Beach Management Plan, which will likely end up as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion ensued as to the importance of the vision statement. It was determined from this discussion that one of the survey questions will be to ask the respondent to give keywords they believe describes Folly Beach.

Tom Porter, 114 West Arctic Avenue, stressed the importance of having mechanisms in place to make sure all the ideas that make up the Comp Plan actually get done. Mr. Pope stated there will be timelines, implementation plans and possible sources of funding attached to all ideas.

Tom Scruggs, Council Member, suggested focusing on a project statement as opposed to a vision statement.

C. Revisions to Schedule

Mr. Pope indicated the schedule of meetings for the Comprehensive Plan will be a bit of a moving target over the next several months. The next meeting will be on January 12 at 6pm to discuss Cultural Resources and City Facilities. He will send a draft of those sections to the Commissioners later this week. The first meeting in February will be February 2.

8: Staff Comments

Mr. Pope said the topic and date for the 2014 Continuing Education requirement will be set for this month.

9: Citizen Comments

10: Commissioner Comments

Several commissioners said they were glad to have City Council and public participation in the process. Mr. Grant encouraged everyone to not get bogged down too much in the wording. Mr. Robinson noted the present Comprehensive Plan process is starting in a much better place than the previous plan. Mr. Merritt suggested everyone read the 1998 plan as well as the 2004 plan, which has a significant amount of historical data that should be included in this next plan. He also suggested that “preservation through progress” be considered as wording to include in the plan. Mr. Dumars thanked Mr. Pope for the great work he has do so far with regards to the Comprehensive Plan.

11: Adjournment at 8:11pm.