



Folly Beach Planning Commission

August 3, 2015

6:00PM Work Session (Joint Session With City Council)

7:00 PM Regular Meeting
Council Chambers, 21 Center Street

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

Work Session 6:00PM

Comp Plan Discussion: Review of Comprehensive Plan Needs and Goals: Population, Community Facilities and Economics

Regular Meeting 7:00PM

1: Call to Order; Roll Call

Present: Grant, Pence, Merritt, Kennedy, Robinson, Saunders
Absent: Burkette, Anderson, Dumars

2: Freedom of Information Statement

3: Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for the May, June, July and August meetings will be voted on at the September meeting.

4: Personal Appearances

5: Citizen Comments

6: Unfinished Business

7: New Business

A. Presentation of Insurance/Flood Issues

Mr. Andrew Muller of Mappus Insurance talked about recent and future updates to the national flood insurance program, how those updates will impact Folly Beach and what Folly Beach can do as a community to help bring insurance rates down. He recommended City officials speak with Charleston County's Flood Plane manager to understand what they are doing and how to potentially tap into

their resources. Mr. Pope reviewed some of the actions Folly Beach already takes to keep flood rates low.

B. Presentation from TVPC: Carl Hally

Carl Hally, Chair of the TVPC, presented background on the TVPC and spoke about its mission of putting “heads in beds,” especially in the off-season. He reported the committee is currently revising their advertising program and trying to more clearly understand who is visiting the beach in the off season. Mr. Hally said the TVPC would like to see a focus in the Comprehensive Plan on activities and resources for tourists. He also reported his committee is working on a new communications plan which will include stopping the use of their current website and becoming part of the FAB’s website efforts.

C. Continuation of Work Session as needed

Commissioners discussed numerous topics with regards to the Needs and Goals section of the Comprehensive Plan, including limiting the number of people in rental homes, adding additional activities for children, teens and seniors, creating incentives for more people to move here full-time, and the creation of a Welcome Wagon-type program.

8: Staff Comments

9: Commission Comments

Mr. Robinson, who will be leaving the Planning Commission, said being a part of this group was “the most interesting and enjoyable experience of my life.” Ms. Saunders thanked him for his service and wished him well.

10: Adjournment at 8:40pm.