



Folly Beach Planning Commission

May 1, 2017

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

Commission Members: Beth Saunders, Chairman; John Pence, Vice Chair; Kirk Grant; LaJuan Kennedy; Deana Coggin; Randy Carter; Greg Anderson; John Merritt, Michael Norton

Regular Meeting 7:00pm

1: Call to Order; Roll Call

Present: Merritt, Kennedy, Grant, Pence, Anderson Carter, Norton, Saunders

Absent: Coggin

2: Freedom of Information Statement

3: Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting will be voted on in June.

4. Personal Appearances

5. Citizen Comments

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

A. Review of Proposed Annexation of 1965 Folly Road (Public Hearing in June)

Mr. Pope explained the location of 1965 Folly Road as the property between Treasure Island and Harris Teeter, owned by the owner of Treasure Island. They would like for it to be zoned Corridor Commercial as are the surrounding properties. He explained this issue will come back before the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing in June if remanded by City Council. Mr. Pope said he would forward to the Commissioners guidelines for annexation, adding in the concerns of the ReThink Folly Road project.

B. Review of Proposed Amendments Allowing Detached Multifamily Units in the Downtown Commercial Zoning District (Public Hearing in June)

Mr. Pope explained the new amendments will allow detached multifamily units in the downtown commercial district as it was left out of a previously passed ordinance. He also said that some language was added to clarify the intent.

C. Review of Current Projects Related to Goals and Needs

Mr. Pope encouraged the Commissioners to contact their staff liaison to get updates on their respective projects. He reviewed what has happened since the March meeting with regards to the Goals and Needs: including the City awarding the bids for the design of the groins, wildlife signage, the move of the building behind SnapperJack's, the proposed increase in the rental registration fee, and the outcome of the affordable housing proposal. He added that the plan to work on the rental rules for event houses will be put off until after the season. He also reported on a change to Center Street which includes taking out parking spots near intersections, filling some with bike racks, and making the remaining spots bigger to allow for faster parallel parking.

8: Staff Comments

A. Notice of Sea Level Change Adaptation Report Public Meeting (May 4, 6pm, City Hall)

Mr. Pope stated the next meeting presenting the Sea Level Adaptation Report will be Thursday, May 4 at 6pm. He said the last meeting was well-attended.

B. Notice of West Cooper Pathway Public Meeting (May 4, 6pm, Community Center)

Laurie Hull, Council Member, gave a brief overview of the idea being presented to the community by the Parks & Recreation Committee. The intent of the pathway is to get people off West Ashley Avenue. They plan to leave all meaningful trees, have a plantation mix pathway with a 15' buffer where walkers, bikers and strollers can go. She also reported there is money in the Parks & Recreation Budget to do a community survey, but a neighborhood meeting would be held before any money is spent. She said CCPRC has expressed an interest in the project and there is the possibility for grant money. Letters have gone out to 60+ nearby homeowners about the May 4 meeting discussing the project. She said she believed the biggest hurdle to this project would be the keeping people off the path after dark. She suggested that perhaps the pathway could be gated to discourage use after dark.

9: Commission Comments

Ms. Saunders encouraged everyone to attend the Sea Level Adaptation Report meeting on May 4. She also encouraged everyone to review the Needs & Goals section before the next meeting. She proposed the Needs & Goals be displayed on the flatscreen TV in chambers during the meetings.

10: Adjournment at 7:39pm.