

Daufuskie Island Council Meeting

February 18, 2020 - 6:00 PM

Mary Field School

Call to Order: Council Co-Chair Leanne Coulter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum of members present

Roll Call:

Present: John Schartner, Leanne Coulter, Steve Hill, Robert Levis, Roger Pinckney, Tonie Meyers, Kathy Aurichio

Pledge of Allegiance

General Announcements:

- 2020 Election Results: Island-wide election was conducted on Saturday, February 8th. Over 140 votes were cast with the following results:

– Tonie Meyers	100
– Robert Levis	81
– Kathy Aurichio	76
– John Schartner	65
– Arnold Willis	51

Based on these results the Election Committee determined that Tonie Meyers, Robert Levis, and Kathy Aurichio will fill the three open 3-year seats on the Council. John Schartner, with the next highest vote total, will fill the Council's open 2-year seat.

- Thanks were extended to all the candidates and congratulations to the winners. The Election Committee of Sara Deitch, Paul Vogel, and Vail Shiply were recognized and thanked for their support. As well as Jim Griffin for his administrative support of the election. The poll workers were also recognized.
- Departing Council-member Sallie Anne Robinson was recognized for her service on the Council.

Guest Speaker: Charles Huggins from Pointed Feather, LLC was scheduled to speak at the meeting, however due to weather concerns he was unable to attend. Mr. Huggins' group is renovating the general store at County landing. Leanne had an opportunity to speak with him at length and reported that progress is good. They have finished redoing the floors and they have installed a wall-to-wall cooler. The space looks very good. Next step will be receiving DHEC approval and final building permitting. The beer and wine license is already approved. Mr. Huggins will try to attend the next month's meeting. He

did report, unfortunately there have been repeated vandalism incidents at the public restroom. He asked if residents would submit items they would like to see carried at the store. The council will coordinate a list.

Public Forum #1:

Deborah Smith commented on two issues:

- A great deal of work was done on the community park to successfully complete its first phase of development. It is now necessary to proceed to follow-on steps: new ballpark needs seeding and the Council received a \$20,000 grant for playground equipment.
- The Daufuskie Island plan was successfully adopted and now it needs to be put into practice. Greater liaison with the County is necessary for tracking of action items.

Community Happenings

- Low Country vet will be on the island this weekend
- Lori Rush will be here to cut hair next weekend
- Democratic primary is January 29th

Committee Reports

Planning Committee:

Transportation Task Force: Pat Allison, Dean Roberson and Steve Hill are working as a sub-committee. Pat Allison explained that at a recent County Council meeting County staff presented a conceptual drawing for a ferry landing at C.C. Haigh Landing on Pinckney Island. Such a ferry landing will include a pavilion, restrooms, and parking for over 200 vehicles. A copy of the concept was distributed. The transportation task force will soon meet with County Council members Mark Lawson and Chris Hervochon to ensure that they are in support of the concept.

Ferry Committee: LEEANNE COULTER addressed ferry parking. She read a statement from ferry company management entitled “Overview of Parking” providing policy for 2020 parking operations. After going through the statement, she recorded questions raised by attendees with the intention of responding to the questions at the next meeting.

Roads and Easements: Roger Pinckney addressed several issues –

- Beaufort County is pursuing a right-of-way for Prospect Rd. Daufuskie Island Council had originally requested a prescriptive easement. It now appears the county will be pursuing a full transfer.
- Beaufort County was contacted concerning a washout on Beach Rd. It is hoped

- they will correct the washed-out gully
- Roger will be investigating signage along Haig Point Rd.

Council Projects

Melrose Fuel Tanks: Roger Pinckney provided a status of the cleanup of the Melrose fuel tanks. During the past month Roger contacted our state representative Jeff Bradley which led to Roger talking to the state DHEC director. DHEC will be refocusing efforts on cleaning up the fuel tanks.

Public Form #2

Erin Quinn provided an update on the community park. Beaufort County has developed a footprint plan for the park and a line item for development of the park is included in the County budget. It's the Park Committee's intention to use the space for the long-term benefit of the island.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM