

Daufuskie Island Council Meeting

June 18, 2019, 6:00 PM

Mary Field School

Call to Order: Council Co-Chair John Schartner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Sallie Ann Robinson, Steve Hill, Roger Pinckney, Robert Levis, John Schartner

Absent: Brandy Breese, Leanne Coulter

Pledge to Flag

Invocation: Pastor Aaron Crosby provided a community invocation

Introductions: DIC members introduced themselves, and island visitors were recognized

General Announcements:

- New Distillery: A public placard has been posted along Haig Point road announcing possible construction of a new distillery. John Schartner researched potential zoning questions posed. After discussing with County planning officials, he learned that plans appear to conform to guidelines.
- Restaurant at County Landing: Council Co-Chair John Schartner explained recent history regarding store and restaurant. Building was offered to DIC in 2018. County took it back and issued an RFP for restaurant excluding the store. DIC decided this past week we are not in a position to address RFP/contract situation.
 - Roger Pinckney added, as individuals, the Council sympathizes with island businesspeople who are our friends, however DIC lacks sufficient background to raise a legal challenge.

Public Forum #1:

- Chase Allen rose and spoke on the County Landing RFP issue. He shared his perspective and provided an overview of the County Council meeting conducted on Monday, 17 June. County Council is proposing to amend the recently issued restaurant lease to include the store. Chase would like to see the County issue a separate RFP for the store. Chase recently solicited input from island residents and between 60-80 responded with notes to BC Council rep Mark Lawson. County Council postponed the second reading of the amendment to their next meeting scheduled for Monday, 24 June.
- Sallie Anne Robinson asked Chase what he would use the store for? Chase responded that it would be used for Tour Daufuskie check-in, office space, and a little general store.
- Anna Clark commented that the third and final reading of the amendment is scheduled for 22 July.
- Len Pojednic asked if the restaurant lease has been awarded? It has been awarded to Pointed Feather, LLC.

Guest Invited Speaker: Tammy Helmuth, Daufuskie Island Turtle Team.

Tammy provided an update on turtle nest activity on Daufuskie. So far 59 nests are established. This is a record for this early in the season. Last year, by this time, 39 nests were established. Team is experiencing many problems with armadillos raiding the nests. They dig up and consume the eggs. The team has procured a repellent product named 'Armadillo Scram' which is proving effective in protecting nests, however it is expensive. The turtle team is paying the cost. They recently purchased a new vehicle with funds generated via a Go-Fund-Me page. All the nests on Daufuskie are Loggerhead turtles; Hilton Head has one Kemp's Ridley nest.

Council thanked Tammy for her presentation.

Community Happenings: Several upcoming events were highlighted:

- Sally Ann Robinson reported on the Daufuskie Day celebration scheduled for Saturday, 22 June
- Aaron Crosby reported on the church's 138th anniversary service scheduled for Sunday 23 June. The celebration will include dedication of the new Edmondson ministry building followed by a covered dish lunch
- The church will sponsor a vacation Bible school between July 8 and 11th

Treasurers Report: Not presented

Committee Reports

Roads and Easements:

- Roger Pinckney explained efforts to keep open public access to Mongin Creek Cemetery by maintaining public beach access. Bloody Point Homeowners Association has posted a sign indicating limited access.
- Committee has been posting signs indicating that island roads are police patrolled
- Melrose fuel tanks: Roger Pinckney provided overview on awarding tank clean-up contract. Eddie Havird's first bid exceeded DHEC funds available. He will re-bid proposing an alternative method to remediate the tanks by filling with sand

Question received on road potholes: It was explained that Oak Ridge Rd is a private road – County will not touch. Road is what it is. There is a need to organize self-help effort.

Council Projects

Mailbox: Robert Levis provided overview. Community mail facility is full. There are no new mailboxes available. Mail facility is on church property. Several years ago, the church offered to host the current location as a temporary solution. Church is unwilling to permit new mailboxes to be placed at current location fearing it will lead to permanent placement of the facility. An alternative may be available on Bill Scott's property. This should be investigated.

Member Comment: Better Federal Express service needed. He has reached out to Federal Express and there's hope for better service

Public Forum Number #2

John Schartner reported Beaufort County has beach trash cans on hand and should be on island next week. County will construct pads and place receptacles; no idea who will empty.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.