

Notes of Ferry Committee Meeting
March 22, 2018; 5:00 PM
Lucy Belle's

Attending: Chris Sutcliffe, James Bays, Martha Hutton, Sylvia Wampler, Tammy Helmuth, Brad Klieve, Pam Cobb, Capt. Richard Inglis, Judy Barth

One member of the public attended.

The main topic of discussion was parking. 45 spaces are reserved for residents. The question was asked, if a person has a reserved space, is it reserved for only one specific vehicle, or can the space be used for any vehicle. Capt. Richard says it is for one specific vehicle. However, if that one vehicle is sold and replaced, upon advising him, that car can be 'swapped' for the old one. In the event the vehicle is being repaired, for a short time a different vehicle can use that space, provided the Ferry Company is advised and a paper for the dash is provided. Under no circumstances can a space be used by a renter of the home belonging to the person who is registered for that space.

The gas station next to Buckingham Landing has 10 usable spaces that may be rented for \$100 a month.

The shrimp and tomato stand next to the gas station (Wesley's lot) is private. It may be possible to negotiate a space directly with the owner.

60 spaces are available at no charge for residents of Daufuskie at the Government Center. However, there is no transportation provided between the lot and Buckingham Landing. A couple of residents have reported being told by occupants of the government building that parking is not allowed there, and if they DO park, their cars will be towed. Paula Tilley (Palmetto Breeze) has asked that if this should happen again, to get the name of the person providing the incorrect information to sent to her (Paula) so she can straighten that out. She has already spoken with the Sheriff's Office and explained that the lot CAN be used. (Residents should read the recent Ferry Guide on the Beaufort County website for more information.

Capt. Richard says Palmetto Breeze was contacted about the cost of providing a shuttle service to and from the Government Center parking, but the cost is prohibitive. Alternate forms of transportation currently are taxi service or Uber. The distance is about 4 miles.

A discussion about different forms of parking machines and if those would be a better way for tourists to pay for parking at Buckingham Landing. The Ferry Committee is exploring the cost of those machines.

Further on Buckingham Landing:

Capt. Richard said that renting the Buckingham Landing dock area to companies who rent kayaks and paddle boats is under investigation.

The restrooms are available to passengers.

Other Docking Areas:

Four trip per day would not be available at the Bluffton Oyster Park.

Several other locations were discussed, but none can provide the parking needed and/or the dock space required. Martha Hutton provided information on most of the docking places in the area – when her husband was on the Council, the ferry was a big issue and they investigated every spot that would have been a possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 7PM.