

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2008; 3:00PM  
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order: Mr. Lipuma called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.**
- II. FOIA: Notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.**
- III. Roll Call:**
- Present:** Charles Lipuma, Chair  
Jim Chitwood  
Dale Anderson  
Jim Jordan, TOKI  
Norm Shea, KICA  
Dave Achey, KICA
- Also Present:** Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk  
Sarah Latshaw, KIGR  
Scott Fister, KIGR
- Absent:** Bill Connellee  
David Elliott  
Liz King, KIGR  
Nancy Jackson, ARB  
Eric Rice, TOKI  
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator
- IV. Environmental Committee Minutes of March 4, 2008**
- Mr. Chitwood motioned to approve the minutes of March 4, 2008. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.**
- V. Mr. Lipuma motioned to add Jewels in the Crown Draft Brochure as Item“B”, under Old Business. Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **VI. Old Business:**

### **A. Going Green, Follow-up**

Mr. Lipuma discussed the various events that are scheduled for the Town's Environmental Sustainability Week and encouraged members' attendance. Mr. Lipuma noted that the Town is seeking the professional opinion of a consultant in order to help the Town develop a recycling program similar to those used by other municipalities. Members stated that they would like for the consultant to be aware of all green initiatives on the island in order to insure that no efforts are being duplicated. Mr. Lipuma stated that the Environmental Committee will have the opportunity to review the consultant's recommendations before they are forwarded to Town Council. Mr. Shea stated that he would be interested in discussing the possibility of cost-sharing the consultant's services in order to create a more comprehensive recycling initiative for the Island. Mr. Lipuma instructed Ms. Wilson to notify Mrs. Rucker of the Environmental Committee's consultant recommendations.

### **B. Jewels in the Crown Draft Brochure**

Committee members discussed the draft Jewels in the Crown Brochure. It was recommended that credits be listed on the "special thanks" section of the brochure. Committee members commented favorably on the design of the draft and are excited to view the final product.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Use of Glass Receptacles on Beach**

Mr. Lipuma discussed proposed Ordinance 2008-1, an ordinance prohibiting the use of glass containers on the beaches of Kiawah Island. It was explained that Ordinance 2008-1 had its first reading on April 1, 2008 and its second and final reading is scheduled for May 6, 2008. Mr. Lipuma noted that changes can be made to an ordinance between the two readings. Mr. Lipuma suggested continuing the use of glass bottles and baby food jars.

## **VIII. Committee Member Reports:**

### **Jim Jordan, TOKI**

Mr. Jordan presented the Wildlife Report for 3-4-2008 thru 4-3-2008. During that time six additional bobcats were collared; three adult females, one juvenile male, and two adult male. Trapping will continue through mid-April with the hopes of deploying four more collars. On March 27, 2008 the Piping Plover Monitoring recorded 49 plovers. This is the highest survey on record for Kiawah. Mr. Jordan also stated that the Town is in the process of working with a recycling consultant and he will advise the Town on how to properly handle recycling and/or

hazardous waste materials. He discussed that the Town is also working on a board that will list various island information that will be placed about 200 feet prior to the Kiawah Island Bridge on the outbound lane side (the fishing and photography area).

**Sarah Latshaw, KIGR**

Ms. Latshaw stated that the video monitoring of the bird box was extremely important because it allows researchers at Cornell University the opportunity to monitor the nesting habits of birds without physically disturbing the nest. She also explained that the Resort recycles old bicycles by salvaging their usable parts or scrapping the unusable metal. She also stated that the Resort has several field trips lined up during the spring and they are looking forward to hosting the area schools. Painted Bunting trapping will start May 3-5 and biologists from North and South Carolina are taking part in the survey. She explained that Painted Buntings are attracted to homes by adding white millet to bird feeders.

**Jim Chitwood**

Mr. Chitwood announced that the Environmental Science Committee is continuing work on finalizing the Habitat Improvement Initiative for the May 12 unveiling breakfast. He also stated that the Bobcat Ball will take place on April 24, 2008 at 6:00PM at the Beachwalker County Park.

**Norm Shea, KICA**

Mr. Shea stated that the dredging of Pond 032 (the pond at Turtle Beach) is complete. The pond has a new volume of 312,960 cubic feet and a new maximum depth of 7.0 feet. Additional aeration system compressor units have been delivered and installation of platforms will begin in the next several weeks.

**Dave Achey, KICA**

Mr. Achey stated that proposed plans have been finalized for the new renovation area near Spartina Court and Blue Heron Court Road. This project will be presented for public input within the next few weeks and work should begin around June, 2008.

**Scott Fister, KIGR**

Mr. Fister presented several informative fliers produced by the Nature Center. Mr. Fister stated that the Merchandise Shop is offering green products and products made from recycled goods. He also outlined the Resorts Green Initiatives, their Earth Week Celebration, and items that can be recycled in Charleston County.

**Dale Anderson**

Mr. Anderson stated that the Turtle Patrol is having their kick-off meeting on April 15, 2008 at the Sandcastle at 7:00PM. He stated that everyone is invited to attend and participate. Mr. Anderson also noted that the Nature Center has a bird box with 24 hour camera surveillance. The bird box is currently filled with an

Eastern Blue Bird and video footage is sent directly to Cornell University and displayed inside of the Nature Center.

**IX. Chairman's Report:**

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Town is in the process of obtaining Mr. Wayman Pearson of Charlotte, NC to use as a recycling consultant. Once the Town receives the consultant's recommendations, the Environmental Committee will have an opportunity for review and input. Mr. Lipuma instructed Ms. Wilson to write a letter to Mrs. Rucker explaining that the Environmental Committee would like for the consultant to have a comprehensive picture of current recycling initiatives on the Island (KICA's, KIGR's, and the Town's) in order to insure that no effort is doubled. Mr. Lipuma read Mr. Elliott's email in regards to a question of organic waste (yard waste) that is hauled off of the Island. Mr. Elliott asked if there was a way of using the material, rather than expending energy removing it from the Island.

**X. Citizen Comments:**

None

**XI. Adjournment:**

**Mr. Chitwood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:34PM. Mr. Lipuma seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Catherine Wilson

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles R. Lipuma

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CC: William Wert, Mayor  
Tumiko Rucker  
Town Council