

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 3, 2008; 1:00PM
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

I. Call to Order: Mr. Lipuma called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

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
Dale Anderson
Jim Jordan, TOKI
Norm Shea, KICA
Dave Achey, KICA
David Elliott
Liz King, KIGR
Nancy Jackson, ARB
Bill Connellee

Also Present: Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk
Sarah Latshaw, KIGR
Scott Fister, KIGR

Absent: Jim Chitwood
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator
Eric Rice, TOKI

IV. Environmental Committee Minutes of June 10, 2008

Mr. Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of June 10, 2008. Mr. Connellee seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Old Business:

A. Going Green

Mrs. King reported that the Resort shipped their first barrel of recycled fluorescent bulbs and five gallon bucket of batteries off island. Also, the gift shop is switching to all “green” and environmentally conscience merchandise.

Mr. Jordan reported that the Town has started composting and recently purchased triple certified coffee. The coffee is roasted by Charleston Coffee Roasters and

the blend is specific for Kiawah Island and will be available for purchase at the Resort.

VI. New Business:

A. Island-Wide Recycling Report

Mr. Lipuma opened the floor for comment on WJP, INC.'s Island Wide Recycling Report. Mr. Anderson stated that the report seemed sparse, as far as detail and that after a quick reading he recommends asking for more information. Mr. Jordan stated that he agreed with Mr. Anderson and that it is not what he had envisioned as the final report. Ms. Latshaw asked if the Town could ask Mr. Pearson to do additional work since they were paying him for the report. Mr. Lipuma stated that the Town could, and would, be asking Mr. Pearson for more input. Mr. Elliott stated that the report did not include any review of the Yard Debris service, as requested. Mr. Lipuma stated that he did not think the report was well written and that it lacked a considerable amount of detail. Mr. Lipuma suggested that Mr. Pearson attend an Environmental Committee Meeting before submitting additional information. Mr. Lipuma stated that overall, he was very disappointed in the report and that more information is needed from Mr. Pearson.

B. Kayak Storage on the Beach

Mr. Lipuma stated that the Resort had requested the relocation of kayak storage from the old Inn site to the front of the Sanctuary. Mr. Lipuma welcomed discussion from the group.

Mrs. King stated that the kayaks have not deterred turtle nesting in the past and that only 12-15 feet of beach is used in the storage of up to 18 kayaks.

Mr. Elliott stated that since the Resort was not adding any additional items, he did not oppose.

Mr. Lipuma stated that he will send Mrs. Rucker an email notifying her of the Environmental Committee's support of kayak relocation and overnight storage. Mr. Lipuma stated that Mrs. King will have to receive notification from Mrs. Rucker before permission is granted.

VIII. Committee Member Reports:

Jim Jordan, TOKI (Report Attached)

Mr. Jordan presented the monthly wildlife report for 6-16-08 to 7-3-08. Mr. Jordan noted that recent fish testing samples have been sent to GEL Laboratories for analysis and final results are pending. The Wildlife Research Assistant position has received 90 plus applications and phone interviews are being conducted of the top 12 applicants in which 3 will be selected for an onsite interview. Mr. Jordan presented the draft of the "Jewels in the Crown"

compilation booklet for review and comment. A last page will be added covering the Environmental Committees Mission.

Sarah Latshaw, KIGR

Ms. Latshaw stated that Craig Watson, NOAA, posted a discussion on Gannett migratory fallout and she had responded with the incidents on Kiawah, but had no response. Eight Painted Bunting nests have been discovered; of which two have failed.

David Elliott

Mr. Elliott stated that two homes away from his residence, a vehicle fire had spread throughout the pine straw at a very rapid and alarming rate. Mr. Elliott recommended that the Town discuss this as a safety issue before more serious damage is done.

Mr. Lipuma stated that he would discuss this item with the Mayor to review what the Town can do.

Norm Shea, KICA

Mr. Shea presented the monthly lakes update (attached). Mr. Shea stated that there was a minor fish kill totaling approximately 50 lbs. of fish. Mr. Shea stated that salt water and warm water hold less oxygen than fresh and cold water so warm, salty water is the worst condition for fish.

Scott Fister, KIGR

Mr. Fister stated that the Resort will have recycling bins and a oyster recycling trailer placed in the Park during the 4th of July events.

Dale Anderson

Mr. Anderson presented the Turtle Report and stated that there have been 143 confirmed nests; not counting the short stakes.

IX. Citizen Comments:

None

X. Adjournment:

Mr. Elliott motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:15PM. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by: _____
Catherine Wilson

Approved by: _____
Charles R. Lipuma

Date: _____

CC: William Wert, Mayor
Tumiko Rucker
Town Council