

**Environmental Committee Meeting
November 18, 2008; 3:00 PM
Kiawah Island Municipal Center
Upstairs Conference Room**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Lipuma called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.
- 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
Liz King, KIGR
Scott Fister, KIGR
Mike Parish, KICA
Aaron Given, TOKI
- Also Present: Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk
- Absent: David Elliott
Jim Chitwood
Nancy Jackson
Jim Jordan
Norm Shea
Dave Achey
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator
- IV. Minutes:**
A. Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2008
Mr. Lipuma motioned to approve the minutes of October 14, 2008. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Mr. Lipuma stated that Mr. Chitwood emailed suggested changes concerning his comments and to make those changes. With those changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. Mr. Lipuma motioned to add “2009 Schedules to New Business, Item A. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
- VI. Old Business**
A. Beach Parking Update
Mr. Lipuma stated that to date, the Town is awaiting a response from KIGR’s corporate attorney concerning their commitment on the beach parking lot. Mr. Lipuma, Mr. Orban,

and Mr. Warren met and discussed the probable denial of permitting from OCRM due to the proximity to the Least Tern nesting area. They discussed the current Ocean Course parking area and the possibility of sharing the spaces. Mr. Lipuma explained that if KIGR's attorney advised that the Resort is not responsible for providing beach parking, the Town would then turn to KDP for fruition of the agreement.

Mrs. King asked if the emergency access to the beach would be for vehicles or pedestrians. Mr. Lipuma stated that the Town has a need for emergency vehicle access in that area.

B. Green Initiatives

Scott Fister, KIGR, stated that the Resort's marathon will have a "stepped up" recycling initiative. Recycling bins will be obtained from the County, fruits will be composted, and shoes will be gathered to either donate to "Soles for Souls" or be recycled. Mr. Fister stated that the Resort is also considering collecting unused food from the marathon buffets to donate to local food shelters. Runners are also being encouraged to bring their own bags and bottles for the event. Mr. Lipuma pointed out that elite runners will not likely carry bottles. Mr. Fister also discussed that the Resort is recycling corks from wine bottles. Currently Mr. Fister is working with the lobby bar to start the program.

VII. A. 2009 Environmental Committee Meeting Dates

Mr. Lipuma stated that he would like the committee to meet on the first Monday of each month at 3:00pm. Committee members agreed that this was an acceptable day and time. Mr. Lipuma stated that the schedule will be forwarded to Town Council for approval in December.

VIII. Committee Member Comments:

Aaron Given

Mr. Given presented the Wildlife Calls for 10-13-08 to 11-18-08 noting the following three calls:

- 10-28 - Deer hit by car at the Parkway and Kiawah Beach Intersection, was not found
- 10-31 - Flock of 6-8 wild turkeys reported and confirmed near Mingo Point. First confirmed flock in ten years.
- 11-3 – Contractor turned in GPS collar found in backyard on Walker Cup. The collar was from a female bobcat. Collar was damaged and not functioning.

Dale Anderson

Mr. Anderson stated that it is important for Turtle Patrol members to learn how to spot Least Tern nesting sites when relocating turtle nests. Mr. Anderson presented a letter from SC DNR explaining that 374,280 turtle eggs were monitored during the season. Mr. Anderson also presented a thank you letter from Kelly Stewart, PhD, for the Kiawah Island Turtle Patrol's assistance in collecting loggerhead hatchling samples. Mr. Anderson reminded attendees of the Turtle Patrol Dinner at the Sandcastle, November 19,

at 6:30pm. Mr. Anderson recommended that people read the “Survey of the South Carolina Coastline” as it is very interesting.

Liz King

Mrs. King stated the Resort has been in the process of updating the list of birds of Kiawah Island. Mrs. King asked that anyone with birding information review the list and help with the updates.

Scott Fister

Mr. Fister stated that he proxied the first County “Green Ribbon” committee meeting for Karl Voelker and that the group’s main purpose is to make recommendations to the County Council on whether they should close the Bees Ferry incinerator. Mr. Fister also stated that he had an opportunity to tour the Seabrook Island solid waste site and recommended that anyone interested should view the site. Mr. Fister also stated that it may be helpful for the Town of Kiawah to view the site for design ideas for when the Town takes over the Sora Rail county dumpsite.

IX. Citizen Comments:

None

X. Adjournment:

Mr. Lipuma motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:51pm. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Catherine C. Wilson, Town Clerk

Approved by,

Charles R. Lipuma, Chairman

Date