

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007; 3:00 PM
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

Minutes

- I Call to Order: Mr. Lipuma called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.**
- II. FOIA:** Notice of this meeting has been published, posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.

III. Roll Call

Present: Charles R. Lipuma, Chairman
Bill Connellee
Jim Jordan, TOKI
Jennifer Hayes, ARB
Liz King, KIGR
Jim Chitwood
Jerry Wilson
Norm Shea, KICA

Also Present: Amber Simmons, Town Clerk
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator
Jennifer Barbour, KIGR
Sarah Latshaw, KIGR
Eric Rice, TOKI
Greg VanDerwerker

Absent: David Elliott
Art Zackrison

IV. Minutes:

A. Environmental Committee Meeting for January 2, 2007

Mr. Lipuma moved to approve the minutes from January 2, 2007, motion seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Lipuma and Mr. Shea had minor corrections to the minutes. With their corrections the minutes were approved as submitted.

V Old Business

A. Palmetto Pride Awards Update

Mr. Lipuma said that he and Mrs. Rucker attended a luncheon in Columbia, South Carolina on January 24, 2007 for participating in the palmetto pride week. Mrs. Rucker presented Mr. Lipuma with a copy of the check from Palmetto Pride for \$500.00.

B Education Outreach, Teach and Touch Update

Mr. Jordan said he and Mr. Rice have researched the information for the education outreach program and that the cost associated with this program will be approximately \$5000.00. Mr. Jordan gave an explanation of the \$5000.00. Mr. Jordan said that the total cost is approximately \$1500.00 per school for three fieldtrips a year. Mr. Jordan said that he is waiting on the funding before taken any further action. Ms. King said that she would charge \$2.00 per child, per event instead of \$3.00 per child, per event to help with the cost associated with the project.

VI New Business:

A. ARB’s Environmental Role, Jennifer Hayes

Mr. Lipuma welcomed Jennifer Hayes to the Environmental Committee. Ms. Hayes, Landscape Architect, gave a brief explanation of what her role is at the Architectural Review Board.

A1. Budget Request for Environmental Committee

Environmental Committee will submit the following for the FY07-08 Budget request:

Teach and Touch Program	\$5000.00
Environmental Cleanup/Beautification	\$1000.00
Advertisement/ Literature	\$1500.00
Veterinary Expenses (Injured Species)	\$ 500.00
<u>Seminars</u>	<u>\$2000.00</u>
Total	\$10,000.00

B. Dylan Jones Departure, Dave Elliott email

Mr. Lipuma said that Mr. Jones would be leaving his position at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort.

C. Environmental Management, 2006 Report

Mr. Jordan said that he and Mr. Rice have completed the Environmental Management Report for 2006 and provided copies of this report to the committee for their review. (See Attached Document) Mr. Jordan said that a final draft of this report would be submitted to Town Council for approval at the March Town Council meeting.

D Environmental Committee Strategic Focus

Mr. Lipuma and the committee members discussed some ideas/topics on what the Environmental Committee Strategic Focus would be. (Document Attached)

VII Committee Member Reports

Liz King said that Animal Planet would be on the island March 6, 2007 to March 9, 2007 installing cameras for their upcoming series. She said that there are a pair of red tailed hawks nesting at the Resort. Ms. King also said that she would be taking over Mr. Jones' duties at the Resort and that Jennifer Barbour will be taking over her duties.

Bill Connellee briefly discussed Beach Vitex and said that there is not a lot to report this time of year, but the Beach Vitex taskforce is monitoring this inactive plant along the South Carolina coast. Mr. Connellee is in the process of trying to obtain a map to be able to show people where it has been found along the coast.

Mr. Chitwood said that he is encouraging everyone to vote at the Kiawah Island Community Association election and asked for the continued support of the Kiawah Island Conservancy. The science committee is currently working on a bobcat study in a joint venture with the Town. The science committee is also working with Ms. Latshaw on a painted bunting project.

Mr. Shea said that seven alligators have died on the island in the last seven months and they are currently trying to research why this occurred. The Kiawah Island Community Association held a mosquito mister system seminar on January 12, 2007. Mr. Shea also said that the

Kiawah Island Community Association would host a fishing tournament on May 5, 2007 for property owners and their family members.

Mr. Rice gave an update on the Bobcat study. The collars for the bobcats have arrived and he and Mr. Jordan plan to start trapping and putting collars on the bobcats with the next week. Mr. Rice also said the he and Mr. Jordan have redesigned the wildlife brochures and provided samples of the brochures to the committee members for their review.

Ms. Hayes gave a brief explanation of the current items that are up for review at the Kiawah Island Architectural Review Board. They are currently working on revising the guidelines and standards for the Kiawah Island Architectural Review Board.

Ms. Latshaw said that the tenth annual nationwide Great Backyard Bird Count is to be held on February 16, 2007, February 17, 2007, and February 19, 2007 from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. This event will engage bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent.

Mr. Wilson comment on the upcoming fishing tournament on May 5, 2007 and encouraged everyone to participate in the event. Prizes would be given out to the winners and that they are in the process of determining the different categories for the tournament.

Mr. Jordan said that there was one wildlife call on January 3, 2007 for an injured bald eagle who died in transport to the Raptor Center of reproductive complications. Deer spotlight surveys were done on January 16, 2007 through January 18, 2007, and concluded that there were 51 deer per square mile. Mr. Jordan said that the piping Plover monitoring is being conducted twice every month from November 1, 2006 to February 15, 2007. The monitoring would then change to twice every ten days from February 15, 2007 to April 15, 2007. The numbers have stabilized to winter levels (20 birds) compared to 14-16 last years during the winter. Mr. Jordan also gave a brief update on the KINHC/ TOKI Bobcat GPS Collar Study he said that all the supplies are in and the collars have been tested and modified over the last few week, and that trapping should start this week. He and Mr. Rice have completed a draft of the Environmental Management Year End Report for 2006. Mr. Jordan also confirmed that the wildlife brochures have been redesigned and draft are available for the committees review.

VIII Citizens' Comments

Greg VanDerwerker, 510 Ruddy Turnstone Drive, said that the trash truck has been dripping oil on the streets for the last few weeks.

IX Adjournment:

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM, motion seconded by Mr. Chitwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Amber Simmons, Town Clerk

Approved:

Charles R. Lipuma, Chairman

Date: _____

CC: William G. Wert
Town Council
Tumiko Rucker