

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, March 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, and 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
Jim Jordan, TOKI
Jennifer Hayes, ARB
Liz King, KIGR
Art Zackrison
Norm Shea, KICA
David Elliott

Also Present: Amber Simmons, Town Clerk
Sarah Latshaw, KIGR
Eric Rice, TOKI
Sid Shealy, KIGR
Peter Nelson, KIGR

Absent: Bill Connellee
Jim Chitwood
Jerry Wilson

IV Minutes:

A. Environmental Committee Meeting for February 13, 2007

Mr. Elliott moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Mr. Shea.

Mr. Lipuma, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Shea had corrections on page three. With these corrections the minutes were approved as submitted.

V. Old Business

A. Palmetto Pride, Tree Grant and Cleanup week

Mr. Lipuma said that the Town requested fifty-two trees from Palmetto Pride for a Tree Grant and received twenty-seven trees. The Environmental Committee will receive ten trees to be planted on the island.

The Environmental Committee discussed the date for the next cleanup which will be April 28, 2007 starting at 8:00 AM. The area of the cleanup will be from the front gate up to the roundabout at Freshfields and Beachwalker Drive to Beachwalker Park.

B Education Outreach

Mr. Rice said that he has sent several emails to the local Elementary Schools pertaining to the education outreach program. Mr. Rice said that Mt. Zion Elementary has a field trip scheduled for March 29, 2007. The activities will include a classroom lecture, a pond activity, and beach combing. Mr. Rice said that the other schools are interested in participating in the program but have not confirmed a date. Mr. Rice said that he and Mr. Jordan plan to conduct a lecture at Mt. Zion Elementary School, however; the date has not been confirmed.

C. Environmental Committee Strategic Focus

The committee members continued the discussion on the strategic focus for the committee. At the next meeting, three ten-minute presentations will be made on the three strategic focus-leading contenders:

- Beachfront Protection and Cleanliness. Art Zackerson
- Maritime Forest, Landscaping and Understory. Liz King and Jennifer Hayes
- Endangered Species Unique to Kiawah. Dave Elliot

Mr. Elliott's email was distributed to the committee members on his thoughts pertaining to the strategic focus. (**Email will be attached to official minutes**)

At the next meeting, three ten-minute presentations will be made on the strategic focus. The topics will include “Beachfront Protection and Cleanliness” by Art Zachrison, “Maritime Forest, Landscaping, and Under Story” by Ms. King and Ms. Hayes, and “Endangered Species Unique to Kiawah” by Mr. Elliott.

VI. New Business:

A. Seminar on “Landscaping to enhance Environmental Habitat”

Mr. Shealy and Mr. Nelson, Kiawah Island Golf Resort, gave a brief overview of the landscaping concept at the Sanctuary. Mr. Shealy said that he and Mr. Nelson would like to work with the Environmental Committee to develop a series of seminars on landscaping for the property owners and any other interested parties. Mr. Nelson discussed the possibility of training for the property owners to help establish a variety of gardens that would enhance the natural setting of the island and attract wild life.

Mr. Lipuma advised that he would ask Mr. Connellee, and Mr. Chitwood to follow up with Mr. Shealy and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Lipuma asked Ms. Hayes if she would also work with Mr. Shealy and come up with different types of seminars that could be offered.

VII. Committee Member Reports

Jennifer Hayes- No Report

Sarah Latshaw- No Report

David Elliott – No Report

Liz King

Ms. King said that Beachwalker County Park is closing off river access because of erosion and safety concerns. Ms. King said that Animal Planet is on the island and are in their preliminary stages of filming.

Jim Jordan

Mr. Jordan said that there were three wildlife calls for the month of February, which are as follows: one fox, one bird, and one alligator. The Piping Plover monitoring is underway with monitoring twice every ten days from February 15, 2007 through April 15, 2007. Migrating birds are beginning to show up and birds are dispersing along the beach. Thirty-five Piping Plovers were located during the survey on

March 13, 2007. Mr. Jordan noted that only four in the East End Project Area.

Mr. Jordan said that the Environmental Year End Report was approved by Town Council and is now available on the Towns website. Mr. Jordan said that the new wildlife brochures are completed and currently being printed. Mr. Jordan said that the school programs are being scheduled with the first field trip being March 29, 2007.

Eric Rice

Mr. Rice gave an update on the Bobcat Study. The trapping of the bobcats is ongoing and two bobcats have been collared, one female weighing sixteen pound and one male weighing twenty-five pounds. Mr. Rice said that he and Mr. Jordan have captured several other animals during the course of the study for example: twenty-six raccoons, five possums, and four foxes. Mr. Rice noted that they have captured ten bobcats, one of which was captured three different times, however; the other bobcats were too small for the study.

Art Zackrison

Mr. Zackrison said that he took a visual tour of the beach and then discussed the small dunes.

Norm Shea

Mr. Shea said that the Kiawah Island Community Association is attempting to become certified as a Community-wide Habitat Conservation Area. Mr. Shea said that this is a two to four year project. Mr. Shea said that there has been one additional alligator that has died bringing the total to eight in the last fourteen months. Mr. Shea said that we are still finalizing the protocol for test further alligators. Mr. Shea said that there are no reports of fish kills for the month. Mr. Shea said that the Kiawah Island Community Association Board of Directors approved a new set of guidelines relating to the use of mosquito misting systems at their March 5, 2007 meeting.

VIII. Citizens' Comments- None

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM; motion seconded by Mr. Zackrison. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Amber Simmons, Town Clerk

Approved:

Charles R. Lipuma, Chairman

Date: _____

CC: William G. Wert
Town Council
Tumiko Rucker