

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 3:05 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
Bill Connellee
David Elliott
Jim Chitwood
Josh Dunn, ARB
Jim Jordan
Eric Rice

Also Present: Norm Shea, KICA
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator

Absent: Art Zackrison
Jerry Wilson
Dave Ackey, KICA
Liz King, KIGR
Sarah Latshaw, KIGR

IV. Minutes:

Environmental Committee Meeting for August 14th , 2007.

Mr. Lipuma moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Mr. Connellee. Minutes were approved as submitted.

V. Old Business:

A. Strategic Objective: Meeting with Conservancy and KICA

The meeting was well received and attended. Preservation of Kiawah Island was the main topic of discussion. Jim Jordan suggested conserving 1/10 of each lot to contribute to accomplishing the total goal of preservation on the Island. There was discussion of floating a bond for acquiring property on the Island by KICA. Mr. Dave Elliot suggested that better building and selling techniques would be a great means of accomplishing conservation. He stated that the largest loss of natural habitat is construction. He suggested getting buyers to view the video before meeting with the ARB versus delegating the responsibility to the builder and landscape architect.

**B. Strategic Objective PowerPoint Presentation Preparation
Discussion from Mr. Jordan and Mr. Chitwood.**

Mr. Jordan stated that professional help is needed to deliver this objective effectively. He suggested that a professional strategy would have to be designed in order to get the results that are needed. The discussion of public relations and marketing needs to answer the question of: What is the best way to reach the citizens?

Mr. Chitwood noted that this is a very fertile time on the Island. Mr. Chitwood suggested that a good source of information is the committee chaired by Mr. Vanderwerker. The committee is a strategic committee that reports to the KICA Board and addresses all of the issues that have been addressed here. Mr. Chitwood stated that each group on the Island deals with the environmental issues differently. He suggested the need to better distribute this information from group to group. Mr. Chitwood stated that there are still several questions that need to be addressed before the Environmental Committee can say what they will do. Mr. Chitwood said that we are close, but need to finalize the concept before the committee approaches an external consultant.

Mr. Elliot asked about the economic value. Mr. Lipuma suggested that the uniqueness of Kiawah Island is something that is important and believes that a closer look at the financial impact on property values will allow residents to draw their own conclusions. Further discussion was held on the issue of swaying property owners to be more environmentally conscience. The suggestion was made to market Kiawah as an environmentally friendly community in order to attract owners with the same beliefs. Lipuma discussed his feelings for the need of a presentation with some shock-value. Mr. Elliot suggested the use of simulation software for visual impact.

VI. New Business:

- A. It was decided to hold another litter clean-up on October 6th at 7:30 AM, with a rain date of October 13th, 2007.

VII. Committee Members Reports:

Mr. Connellee reported that there have been 84 confirmed turtle nest and about ½ of the nests have already hatched.

Mr. Shea reported 12 identified alligator nests. Recent fish kills are the result of high salinity and warm water causing low oxygen levels. The most notable are as follows: 5,600 lb fish kill in Pintail Pond; Ponds 17 and 18 between Kiawah Beach Drive, Pond 76 between Bufflehead and Flyway, Pond 20 on Egret Pond total with 40 lbs. of dead fish. Duckweed has been eliminated from all ponds.

Jim Jordan gave an update on the following:

Wildlife Calls
Town Website
Painted Bunting Study
Pilot Bobcat GPS Study and Draft

Mr. Jordan listed the following wildlife calls:

- A 50 lb fawn was killed by a car
- A 5 ft 5 inch male dolphin was found dead on the beachfront
- An 8 ft. alligator was relocated
- An adult female bobcat was hit by a car

The Piping Plover Monitoring is being conducted twice every 10 days through October 3. On November 1, 2007 monitoring will be done twice monthly. The surveys average 11 plovers with representation from all three populations; Great Lakes, Atlantic Coast, and Northern Great Plains.

VIII. Citizen Comments:

None

IX. Adjournment:

Mr. Lipuma moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Catherine Wilson

Approved by: _____
Charles R. Lipuma

CC: William Wert, Mayor
Tumiko Rucker
Town Council