

Town of Kiawah Island
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Via Zoom
April 12, 2021; 10:00 am

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** *Mr. Gottshalk called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.*

Present: Brian Gottshalk, *Public Works Manager*
Stephanie Tillerson, *Town Administrator*
Warren Stannard
Jim Gilliam
Will Connor, *KICA*

Absent: David DeStefano
Steve Sager

- II. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. Minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of February 16, 2021

Mr. Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stannard and was unanimously passed.

- III. **Old Business:**

A. Update on the Kiawah Island Parkway Landscape Project

Mr. Gottshalk stated that progress on the landscape project can now be seen since the irrigation system repairs are completed and is now running properly. Plant material is currently being installed; trees have been planted along with a majority of the approximately 30,000 smaller plants in the ground and will have a chance to fill in before the increase in vehicular traffic. He stated that the project is well past substantial completion, and the final walkthrough with the contractor, landscape architect, and Town Staff is scheduled for next week.

Mr. Gilliam stated the area where the new bike path was installed had been discussed as a safety concern and asked if there would be thicker vegetation or a fence added to the area. Mr. Gottshalk explained that adding a guardrail is not an option because of the limited space and inability to meet the ASTO standards. Once the project is completed as designed, the landscape architect will be providing ideas for more plant material to provide thicker vegetation in the area.

Mr. Standard question if an additional easement had been acquired from the Resort. Ms. Tillerson stated the acquisition was approved by the former Council and has been recorded with the County.

B. Update on Beachwalker Drive

Mr. Gottshalk stated the Town had contracted with Kimley Horn to conduct a traffic study of Beachwalker Drive and the intersection with the Parkway. The information acquired from the study will help develop alternatives to alleviate or mitigate the current traffic issues at the

intersection and minor improvements on Beachwalker Drive. Members discussed the traffic back up during peak hours as the volume of vehicles entering the island and vehicles in the improper lanes. Mr. Conner added that the Community Association has a directional sign, but the sign was repeatedly run over. Members also discussed the study done by the Community Association on the Parkway and Kiawah Beach Drive, which resulted in the additional striping and a planned intersection improvement project.

Committee members discussed suggestions made to adjust lane functions, having deputies at the intersection to help with beach and gate traffic, staging contractor entry, gate efficiency, the possibility of having two cars processed at once, and for the Town and Community Association to jointly review the traffic issue to develop a permanent solution for traffic coming and a leaving the island.

IV. New Business:

A. New Kiawah Island Sign at the Main Gate

Mr. Gottshalk stated the Kiawah island sign at the main gate had been discussed as needing replacement or refurbishing. The quotes that the Town has received for the sign replacement project did not meet the timeline to be completed before the PGA Tournament. Council chose to table the project until after the tournament and allow further research and more competitive pricing. In the interim, the current sign will be pressure washed and re-stained if necessary, along with repainting the lettering.

Mr. Gottshalk stated Mr. DeStefano suggested the Town look at the new style sign at the Sandcastle and possibly use it as a model. He feels it would be more cost-effective and potentially easier using the existing timbers, reversing them, and installing raised metal lettering on the face.

V. Committee Member's Comments:

Mr. Stannard thanked the Town for their efforts in getting the repaving done on Betsy Kerrison Parkway.

Mr. Conner stated that the leisure trail had been widened from the Main Gate to the first flyway.

Mr. Stannard asked if the project to move the trash facility to the Municipal Center was still proceeding. Mr. Gottshalk indicated that the project would not be moving forward. The Town will review what modification would be possible at the existing site.

VI. Adjournment:

Mr. Stannard made a motion to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner and unanimously passed.

Submitted by,


Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

5-10-2021

Date