

Town of Kiawah Island
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Council Chambers Meeting Room
August 9, 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
David DeStefano
Jim Gilliam
Warren Stannard
Steve Sager
Will Connor, KICA

Also Present: Stephanie Tillerson, Town Administrator
John Moffitt, Council Liaison
Bert Walling, Berkeley Electric
Thomas Harvey, Berkeley Electric
Libby Roerig, Berkeley Electric

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of July 12, 2021

Mr. Sager made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeStefano and was unanimously passed.

III. Old Business:

A. Update on Beachwalker Drive

Mr. Gottshalk stated that a faulty storm drainpipe caused sinkholes noted on Beachwalker Drive under the roadway. A contractor re-sleeved the damaged pipe, and the repairs were completed by patching the sinkholes. Members discussed the possible cause and the type and condition of the drainage pipe system.

Mr. Gottshalk stated the plans for the Beachwalker Drive improvements have been compiled and would be formally presented to Town Council for approval to move forward in the process. He also stated that with the amount of work needed by the Community Association and the Town on the intersection of Beachwalker Drive and the Parkway, the proposal would be made to Town Council to make the Parkway Intersection into a separate study. The Members discussed some of the issues with the current bike paths.

B. Update on Wet Trash Center

Mr. Gottshalk presented the four different layouts proposed by the architect to redesign in the Kestral Court Center. He reviewed each design and noted that he preferred one design that would have minimal impact on vegetation, increase capacity, and be more ergonomic for movement in and out of the facility. Members engaged in an in-depth

discussion of the designs, posing questions for clarification, providing feedback, and making recommendations. Members agreed that Option Three was the preferred design. Mr. Gottshalk stated that following the design selection, the property owner, and the ARB (Architectural Review Board) would have to approve any changes.

C. Update on Lighting at the Kiawah Signs

Mr. Gottshalk stated an electrical contractor was engaged to look at the lighting of the main sign at the Beachwalker intersection, where a temporary repair was made. Having no success in having the repairs to the lighting system at the roundabout sign, a new electrical contractor, familiar with the lighting systems, was engaged to look at both areas. The contractor has been scheduled and is confident he can make the repairs. Mr. Gottshalk will forward updated information once it is received.

IV. New Business:

A. Berkeley Electric Update

Mr. Walling began the discussion by reviewing the Berkley Electric Cooperative (BEC) system and operations. Mr. Harvey presented an update on BEC reliability, reviewing distribution feeder rankings and the ongoing work being done to improve the system reliability to Kiawah. Discussion included:

- system maintenance
- system improvements
- overall system reliability
- equipment resiliency
- outages due to system failures, scheduled maintenance, or contractor negligence
- notification of residents in advance scheduled maintenance
- in-depth review of effective communication of scheduled maintenance or outages
- upcoming equipment replacement projects

Mr. Gottshalk thanked the BEC representatives for their information and suggested regularly scheduled meetings with BEC for updates.

V. Committee Member's Comments:

Mr. Gilliam referred back to the sinkholes on Beachwalker Drive and questioned if further testing of the pipe or system was warranted. Mr. Gottshalk explained that after re-sleeving the entire length of the pipe, it was tested to mitigate any further damages in the area. He did agree testing the additional pipes in the system along Beachwalker Drive was a good idea.

Mr. Gilliam commented on the pull-off on the Parkway to access the river. He questioned if the increasing number of vehicles using the pull-off posed any traffic concerns in if there was a need for additional signage or a reduction of the speed limit. Ms. Tillerson stated renovations to the access were done with Greenbelt funding, so public access cannot be restricted. She noted commercial usage of the pull-off was addressed, and it is the hope the pedestrian traffic study being conducted will provide traffic calming measures along the Parkway.

Mr. Gilliam questioned if there was a way to know the number of vehicles in the wrong lane when approaching the main gate and if additional signage would help. Mr. Gottshalk stated there had been no resolution to the issue, and the ability to place additional signage has been limited by pushback from the ARB on the size and location on the Parkway. Members

discussed that additional signage should be placed in the interest of public safety, driver behavior when approaching the gate as a significant issue, along with the additional suggestions on reducing the number of vehicles approach the gate at one time.

Mr. DeStefano discussed why the Public Works Committee was not involved in the development of the Parkway Pedestrian Safety Study. Ms. Tillerson reviewed the evolution of the engagement of Kimley-Horn to perform different studies on the island.

Mr. Standard discussed surveying the drainage piping on Beachwalker Drive and moving the pass office to Town Hall.

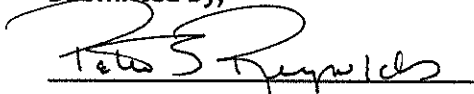
Mr. DeStefano also discussed the need for personnel to provide traffic control at the main gate, his dispute of the claim by the engineers that the bike path meets AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) standards, and access from the Parkway to future development.

Mr. Gilliam discussed the bike path area along Parkway at the turning lane that was to get thicker landscaping and suggested installing a small fence in the area.

VI. Adjournment:

Mr. Gilliam made a motion to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeStefano and unanimously passed.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

10-11-2021
Date