

Town of Kiawah Island
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Council Chambers Meeting Room
July 12, 2021; 10:00 am

Minutes

I. Call to Order: Mr. Gottshalk called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Present: Brian Gottshalk, *Public Works Manager*
Steve Sager
Jim Gilliam
Warren Stannard

Absent: Stephanie Tillerson, *Town Administrator*
John Moffitt, *Council Liaison*
David DeStefano
Will Connor, *KICA*

Also Present: Ryan Ellmers, *KICA*

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of May 10, 2021

Mr. Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stager and was unanimously passed.

III. Old Business:

Mr. Gottshalk stated due to some delays; he had no updates for the Committee on the previously discussed garage and car wash renovation project and the Kestral Court redesign project.

On the garage and car wash renovation project, Mr. Gilliam asked where the detergent and other chemicals would drain. Mr. Gottshalk explained the currently proposed collection is an underground catch with a separator to remove the debris and chemicals from the water, which will drain into the pond.

A. Update on Beachwalker Drive Project

Mr. Gottshalk provided to the Committee Members a summary of the public comments on the Beachwalker Drive Bike and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, along with the recommendations from Kimley-Horn.

Mr. Gottshalk gave a brief history of the safety concerns on Beachwalker Drive, which prompted a complete study of Beachwalker Drive and its intersection with the Parkway. Some of the issues found were with the width of the bike path in some areas, roots pushing up through the asphalt, and visibility and crossing issues at intersections. Another issue previously discussed was the installation of tabletop pedestrian crossings.

Mr. Gottshalk reviewed the public comment responses submitted by stakeholders, residents, property owners, business owners, and guests. Committee Members engaged in an in-depth

discussion of common themes:

- Beachwalker Drive Leisure Trail

Expanding the width of the leisure trail, relocation of the leisure trail creating separation between the leisure trail and Beachwalker Drive, lighting the leisure trail, and extending the leisure trail to make a formal connection to Beachwalker County Park.

- Beachwalker Drive Traffic and Safety

Improvement of sightlines by pruning vegetation, installation of raised crosswalks for pedestrian crossing, and signage to be placed at the crosswalks to warn motorists.

- Beachwalker Drive and Kiawah Island Parkway Intersection

Alternatives to reduce back up of traffic at the main gate including moving the pass office to the Municipal Center, the increasing numbers of vehicles that enter the island, closing the pedestrian crossing at the main gate, and alternatives for the pedestrian crossing. Also discussed were the concept alternatives to address traffic delays exiting the island. A dedicated right turn lane from the Parkway onto Beachwalker Drive and a dedicated thru lane exiting the island were included.

Committee Members discussed the ingress and egress to the Kiawah Real Estate Office along with their comments on the concepts and alternate suggestions.

IV. New Business:

None

V. Committee Member's Comments:

Committee Members discussed Mr. Gilliam's question on if there was a demand for ethanol-free gas. Since the gas has multiple applications, it was suggested that a request be made to the General Store to provide it.

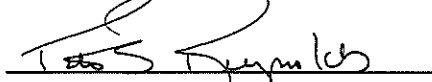
Committee Members discussed Mr. Stannard's appeal that the Town request the South Carolina Department of Transportation place a sign on Betsy Kerrison Parkway to warn motorists that there was a round-a-bout ahead.

Committee Members also discussed signage on the Parkway, issues noted at the Wet Trash Center on Kestrel Court over the 4th of July holiday, and the status of the installation of thicker vegetation and improvements on the bike path curve along the Parkway.

VI. Adjournment:

Mr. Sager made a motion to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously passed.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

8.9.2021

Date