

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Kiawah Island Municipal Center**  
**Council Conference Room**  
**May 14, 2018; 11:00 AM**

**Minutes**

I. **Call to Order:** Mr. DeStefano called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

**Present:** David DeStefano  
Steve Sager  
Joseph Kasman  
Warren Stannard  
Will Connor, KICA

**Absent:** Jim Gilliam  
Rusty Lameo, Town Staff

**Also Attending:** Stephanie Tillerson, Town Administrator  
Dorota Szubert, Town Treasurer  
Bill Barna, McSweeney Engineering

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting of March 12, 2018

*Mr. Stannard made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sager and unanimously passed.*

III. **Old Business:**

A. Parkway Erosion - Review Submittals Received for Gabion Wall and Repairs

Mr. Barna stated that ten to twelve companies were solicited to bid on the Parkway Bridge Embankment Stabilization project. Six company representatives attended the non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and three bids were received. He recommended accepting the lowest competitive bid submitted by Hydro Enterprises.

Committee members discussed the three bids comparing the pricing submitted, rock material to be used in the gabion wall, and Hydro's history in doing work for the Community Association. Mr. Connor indicated that they are known for doing high quality and well thought out work.

*Mr. Sager made a motion to recommend to the Ways and Means Committee the approval the proposal from Hydro Enterprises for the Kiawah Island Parkway Bridge Embankment Stabilization project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously passed.*

Mr. Barna suggested that the project not be scheduled until after Labor Day following the peak of the tourist season. Members discussed the mobilization that would be required by to complete the project and contracting, bonding and insurance requirements.

## B. Update on Soil Consultants Parkway Evaluation/Repaving

Mr. DeStefano reviewed Mr. Lameo's discussion with Ron Austin from Soil Consultants who advised the following:

- Soil samples are being reviewed, appears the subbase is in good shape on about 80% of the Parkway. Area from Little Rabbit to Beachwalker might need repairs to base. It is appearing the Parkway might just need a milling and repaving to most of the roadway.
- Engineering Report should be back to Town by early June.
- Not counting any repairs to storm water drainage, our budget of \$2M looks right on target.

Mr. DeStefano pointed out that the information on the condition of the drainage system is very important so that any required repairs can be completed this winter, and that the Resort be contacted so that their turning lane can be added as an alternate to the project bid documents.

Members engaged in an in-depth discussion of adjusting the pitch and grade of the curve to prevent further flooding and the possible impact of the Sea Level Rise recommendations. Also discussed was writing an RFP for the design phase of the project, along with looking at the agreement and plan sheets from the *Bike Path Roadway Improvements* project done in 2004, the paving project recently completed by the Community Association and the addition of curbing along the Parkway to prevent vehicles from destroying the grass along the Parkway.

## C. Update on Betsy Kerrison Parkway (outbound from Freshfields) Guardrails and Dips in the Roadway Surface.

SC DOT (Department of Transportation) engineer reported that the guardrails proceeding the Circle (outbound side) should be replaced within the next couple of weeks. They also reported the culverts under the roadway are in good shape and require no work. Mr. Lameo again questioned the dips in the roadway surface and asked if they could be patched and leveled. He also asked they check into water ponding where the Parkway enters Betsy Kerrison.

## D. Beachwalker Road Improvements - "turning lane" for the County Park

Mr. DeStefano stated that in a previous discussion it was agreed that the preference to expand Beachwalker Drive to the left with the Timbers agreeing to donate the land required for the expansion. The current right hand lane would become the turning lane into the County Park requiring that the existing road to Capt. Sam's be reworked. Mr. DeStefano stated that historically the private developer is responsible for building roads which meets municipal standards, with design approval and project monitoring done by the Town. He noted that the construction of a new turn lane will have a minimal effect on current Town residents therefore in his opinion that the Partners should take the lead in this project in completing the design, engaging a contractor, and let Council negotiate payment of the project.

Ms. Tillerson stated that Beachwalker Park access has been a relentless ongoing problem and the discussions with representatives of the Partners, Timbers and County Park have looked at

every option to fix a road that services public beach access, along with current and future Town residents. She indicated that along with the Town's commitment to improve the road, the County Park has implement a queuing system to help alleviate the traffic back-up.

Conversation included the future of the wall to protect the parking lot, the impression that the Town taking the lead in the project is advancing the development of the Spit, along with the inability of the Town to do work on private property.

Mr. DeStefano suggested the Committee make a written recommendation to Town Council that the Partners take the lead in the design and construction of the project letting Council decide on the financial contribution, and would also include members of the Committee being involved in development discussion with the group.

Further discussion included the County Park's new queuing process, vehicle flow entering into the Park and Mr. Stannard's suggestion to put a roundabout at that intersection of the Parkway and Beachwalker Drive, or to include in the RFP, for the consultant to look at some type of improvements to the intersection.

Following the discussion, Mr. DeStefano stated he would send the Committee's written recommendations to Mr. Wilson for presentation to Town Council.

**IV. New Business:**

None

**V. Citizen Comments:**

None

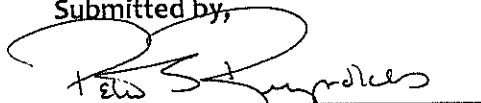
**VI. Committee Member's Comments:**

None

**VII. Adjournment:**

*Mr. Stannard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Segar and unanimously passed.*

Submitted by,

  
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Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

6-12-2018  
Date