

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
December 14, 2020; 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
Warren Stannard
Steve Sager

By Phone: Jim Gilliam

Absent: Stephanie Tillerson, *Town Administrator*
Will Connor, *KICA*

Also Attending: Ryan Ellmers, *KICA*

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting of August 10, 2020

Mr. DeStefano made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Public Works Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliam and was unanimously passed.

III. Old Business:

A. Update on the Kiawah Island Parkway Project Completion

Mr. Gottshalk stated the issue of the water retention on the new turn lane into the Andell Tract was mitigated with the contractor milling and repaving the area. He indicated that after a heavy rain event, it was noted that there was only a small amount of water remaining.

Committee members engaged in the in-depth discussion of the issue. They agreed that considering that the project was recently completed, any standing water was unsightly and unacceptable, the repair work done looked unprofessional, and they felt very strongly that additional measures should be taken to correct the issue. Also discussed were the seams that are very distinguishable and unattractive in several areas along the Parkway.

Mr. Gottshalk stated another issue discussed at an earlier meeting was the area along the newly constructed bike path, which had an excess slope that exceeds grade. The contractor flattened out all the sections, and the entire bike path has a one to two percent grade, not exceeding two and one-half percent. Also discussed was the fence structure and vegetation that would be added in the buffer zone as a barrier between the bike path and the turn lane.

Mr. DeStefano commented that the Geo-Grid installed along the edge of the Parkway in some areas seemed to be performing, noting no ruts were reappearing.

Also discussed was the paving done on Betsy Kerrison on the inbound lane. Mr. Gottshalk indicated the inbound lane is under the purview of the state and the outbound lanes under

the county's purview. Since the repaving was not coordinated, it has been brought to the State and the County's attention that the road is uneven and unsightly, along with the issue that there is still an unsafe situation of a dip in the outbound lane, which should be addressed.

B. Update on the Kiawah Island Parkway Landscape Project

Mr. Gottshalk stated that the demolition work on the landscaping project had been completed, which has opened view windows and removed overgrowth along the Parkway.

Discussion included replacing vegetation that encroaches on the bike path, eliminating sod that would be replaced with ornamental grasses and other plantings, and the installation of drip irrigation eliminating sprinkler heads that would bring down maintenance costs.

Mr. Gottshalk indicated that issues with the condition of the current irrigation system had caused significant delays. It is anticipated that the irrigation system repairs, and planting of trees will be finished in December, with project completion in the second week of February. The landscape contractor has committed to increasing the size of the crew and working Saturdays, at his expense, to close the project out in February. The project's work will begin with the planting of palms near Mingo point progressing toward the round-about.

Members discussed updating the design and the addition of lighting on the sign on the Parkway and projects for the Public Works Committee for the coming year to include redesigning of the landscaping at the Municipal Center and a review of the landscaping along the Parkway. Members discussed the suggestion made to look at the installation of a right turn lane onto Beachwalker Drive. Members also engaged in an in-depth discussion of addressing sea level rise issues in the curve near Mingo Point, traffic flow at the Main Gate, Beachwalker Drive drainage, and if the Committee should review the Johns Island Corridor Alternatives to create a written opinion on the project.

IV. New Business:

None

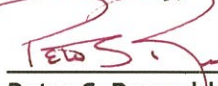
V. Committee Member's Comments:

None

VI. Adjournment:

Mr. DeStefano made a motion to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

1-23-2021
Date