

Town of Seabrook Island
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) met Monday, June 14, 2021, and was called to order shortly after 10:00 AM via videoconference, Mayor Gregg substituting for Committee Chair Goldstein. Committee members attending included Frank Farfone, Art Jones, Ed Maher, and Elizabeth Murphy. Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

Mr. Cronin confirmed that notice of the meeting had been posted and other requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act were satisfied so far as he knew.

1. Approval of minutes

The committee approved the minutes for the April 12, 2021 meeting.

2. Summary of May 10, 2021 Meeting

Mr. Gregg provided a summary of the Committee meeting of May 10, 2021 noting that owing to a lack of a quorum of members, no votes were taken. Mr. Farfone inquired as to whether the Town was satisfied that the pasture at the Seabrook Island Club Equestrian Center had sufficient space for temporary debris storage and reduction in the event of a major tropical storm event. Mr. Gregg replied that, with the 2021 PGA event concluded, an inquiry would be made to the owners of the Andell site to allow designation to SCDHEC for use of that site this year.

3. Approval of Recommendation of CEP Update

Mr. Gregg confirmed that members had been provided a copy of the 2021 update package for the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan ("CEP"). Noting that changes of the update pertained primarily to information in Appendices for emergency response roles of Town Officials, contact information Disaster Recovery Council ("DRC") member organizations and identification of members of designated Teams 1 and 2. Mr. Gregg noted that the update did not reflect updated information for Appendix 16. Committee members confirmed efforts had been commenced to collect relevant information for Appendix 16. Mrs. Murphy inquired as to progress with respect to engagement of contractors (Improvement Plan item 8 ('21 Earthquake Exercise Report)) and noted the distinction of item 8 from item 6 pertaining to a recommended "special skills" survey of residents. Mr. Gregg noted the

questions for follow-up. The Committee voted to approve recommendation to Town Council to adopt the '21 update of the CEP.

4. Follow-up Regarding Next DRC Exercise

Mr. Gregg commented that his understanding from Mr. Goldstein was that the next DRC exercise scheduled for July 23 would be based on a hurricane scenario assuming a Category 4 or 5 event. Mr. Cronin commented that was a result of a discussion he had with Mr. Goldstein and the Town's consultant Scott Cave. Mr. Cronin noted that the focus of the exercise would be post landfall response.

5. Report from Ways and Means Meeting of June 8

Independence Day Fireworks Event

Mr. Gregg reported that Council had determined at its Ways and Means meeting of June 8 that the only protocol it would establish for the Independence Day Fireworks Event was to encourage persons who by then have not been fully vaccinated for the Coronavirus to wear face-coverings when it is not possible to maintain so-called "social distancing" at the event. He also reported that in response to a follow-up inquiry to the Seabrook Island Club, they had changed their planning to have food service grilling stations as in prior years. Mrs. Murphy inquired as to whether shuttle busses would be operating. Mr. Cronin replied there would not be shuttle busses. Mrs. Murphy also inquired as to whether the event was open to the general public. Mr. Gregg replied that SIPOA had indicated that they would not be admitting the general public through their security gate.

Inbound Path

Mr. Gregg reported that Council had been provided alternative proposals concerning disposition of the in-bound pedestrian path (north side of Seabrook Island Road from causeway near location of former NV Realty office to Landfall Way): remove and replace the path with improvements to width and grading or remove the path without replacement. Cost estimates for those proposals exceeded \$100,000. He noted that, in response to Council's request, a paving company provided a cost estimate of under \$20,000 to repair surface defects deemed hazardous to pedestrian traffic ("tripping" hazard). Members of Council made further requests relating to such repairs. Mr. Cronin commented that he had received a response to those requests and noted the staff recommendation that if the inbound path were to be repaired it should be designated for pedestrian use only.

6. Town Administrator

Mr. Cronin confirmed that the Town had issued a Response for Proposals for Debris Monitoring Services and that it was expected that a contract could be concluded before expiration of the current agreement with Rostan Solutions for those services.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Farfone observed that traffic backup from the SIPOA security gate and the resultant delays may raise a public safety concern and inquired as to whether consideration was being given to adding an inbound traffic lane. Mr. Jones suggested that traffic be diverted to the Andell property to relieve traffic congestion at the security gate. Mr. Gregg replied that the suggestions were noted and commented that the traffic backups are temporary and result from increased inflow of rental guests at certain times of the year for which residents could prepare by timing their trips to avoid the worst delays. Mrs. Murphy inquired as to whether SIPOA was going to implement use of temporary bar codes to ease congestion at the gate. Mr. Gregg responded that he was not aware of any planning in that regard.

Next Meeting: July 12, 2021

Adjourn

There being no further business or discussion the meeting was adjourned shortly after 11:00 am.

AGENDA
Public Safety Committee
June 14, 2021
10:00 am (Virtual Meeting)

1. Approval of minutes of Committee meeting of April 12, 2021.
2. Summary of May 10, 2021 meeting (no minutes to be approved)
3. CEP updates- recommendation of CEP update
4. Follow-up DRC exercise July 23 (hurricane scenario)
5. Report from Ways and Means meeting of June 8
 - a. Independence Day Fireworks display protocols
 - b. In-bound path
6. Town Administrator
 - a. Update of RFP for debris monitoring services.
7. Miscellaneous Business

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Adjourn