

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Planning Commission Special Called Meeting

March 20, 2019 – 1:30 PM

Town Hall, Conference Room
2001 Seabrook Island Road



MINUTES

Present: Ken Otstot, Wayne Billian, Cathy Patterson, Stan Ullner, Joe Cronin (Town Administrator)

Absent: Robert Driscoll (Chair)

Guests: Dan Frazier (Charleston County), Robin Lewis (Charleston County)

With Chairman Driscoll absent, Vice Chairman Otstot assumed the role as acting Chair. Vice Chairman Otstot called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORK SESSION

- 1. Review of Changes from February 15, 2019 meeting:** Mr. Dan Frazier from Charleston County reviewed the recommended changes to the Land Use, Economic Development and Priority Investment elements, which were previously discussed during the February 15, 2019, work session. Town Administrator Cronin discussed the future land use recommendations for properties located outside the town limits. Aside from a request to include Utility Commission projects in the Priority Investment element, there were no major comments or substantive amendments provided.
- 2. Endorsement of Draft Comprehensive Plan Elements:** Mr. Frazier provided Planning Commission members with the most up-to-date versions of all nine elements which have been reviewed, discussed and amended to date. If members of the Planning Commission had no additional comments or amendments, Town Administrator Cronin recommended that the Planning Commission endorse the draft plan and authorize its distribution for public review and comment.

Mr. Billian expressed concern about including references to the 2012 "Sense of Place" study in the Cultural Resources element. There was not a consensus among members regarding whether to include or strike these references. Mr. Billian made a motion to remove all references to the "Sense of Place" study from the draft comprehensive plan. Dr. Ullner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-1, with Vice Chairman Otstot, Mr. Billian and Dr. Ullner in favor and Ms. Patterson opposed.

Mr. Billian then made a motion to give preliminary endorsement to the draft

comprehensive plan, as amended, subject to any additional comments which may be received from Chairman Driscoll. Dr. Ullner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-1, with Vice Chairman Otstot, Mr. Billian and Dr. Ullner in favor and Ms. Patterson opposed.

3. **Discussion of Community Meeting Date, Time & Location:** Members of the Planning Commission discussed the schedule for receiving public comment on the draft comprehensive plan, as well as the time frame for the Planning Commission's final review and endorsement. Town Administrator Cronin recommended that the public drop-in meeting be held on Monday, April 15th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Seabrook Island Town Hall. The draft plan would be posted on the town's website on or before April 1st, and residents would be invited to submit comments electronically or by attending the drop-in meeting on April 15th. Following the drop-in meeting, town and county staff will prepare a summary of the public comments and submit this information to the Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission would then be asked to endorse the final version of the plan, inclusive of any subsequent amendments, during its regular meeting on May 1st. The plan would then be sent to Town Council for review and adoption.

There being no further business, Mr. Billian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Ullner seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:48 PM.

Minutes Approved: April 3, 2019



Joseph M. Cronin
Town Administrator