As one of our SIPOA predecessors commented, “The Seabrook Gatehouse, as a portal to the community, needs to be the best it can be in showing off our beautiful island.” In that vein, several years ago, the SIPOA Planning Committee set out to seek funding to renovate this area. This was added to the 2013 Strategic Plan, then to the 2015 and 2016 Capital Budgets. We wanted to:

• Have clearer, faster processes for getting visitors, rental documentation, visitors, etc. through that lane
• Be an attractive “welcome” to the island; a welcoming presence consistent with the other new facilities built over the past 10 years
• An updated physical structure that meets our current and future needs, not just our needs from 30 years ago. We need a slightly larger Building Code compliant (a flood proof structure at a higher elevation). We need additional space to effectively manage functions such as collecting commercial access fees; this has become much more important over the years.

The first priority was to streamline our visitor processes; 2016 will be the first summer when we will really have “one-stop shopping” for visitors: rental documentation, visitor passes, amenity cards and island information will all be obtained from one place. Amenities card readers will get a renter through the gate, in either lane. We did extensive traffic volume studies; everything tells us that the right lane can handle this increased volume. Reducing the waiting time will also cut down the number of vehicles waiting, engines idling to come through.

Next we looked at the physical building; it’s old, inefficient, unattractive, the landscaping is poor and it needs substantial modernization, including a new roof. It does not meet current Building Codes. The need to replace the gatehouse is well-established and documented; almost a decade ago, a new gatehouse was approved as part of the property owners’ $10 million Horizon Plan program. The SIPOA Board could not agree on the scope or requirements for the gatehouse during the construction period. The dollars that were originally approved for the gatehouse project were used to further enhance the Lake House, principally the landscaping, and also for a small facility to the existing gatehouse.

When we studied the problem of traffic backups in summer, we realized that moving the gate slightly into the island would provide additional queuing lanes and the ability to maintain full security during the building process. Also, building at a higher elevation, and flood proofing it, will provide dry working conditions for the staff at times of heavy rain or high tides. We did examine the alternatives of rebuilding on the current pad, or renovating the existing building; neither was economically or aesthetically attractive. We’re now about 6 months away from starting a new building, located 100 ft. south of the current building, slightly larger, and with better working space for our Security staff. The Commercial Officer will finally have adequate working space. There will be adequate locker space, a break room, an office for the Supervisor and proper space for the electrical and electronic systems that have grown in complexity in recent years. The schedule is to have plans finalized in May/June, out to competitively bid in early June and the contractor selected by the time of the July Board meeting. Work would then start in October, proceeding through the winter for completion in early 2017, in time for the spring visitor season. It’ll be exciting to see the Gatehouse area showing off the best of Seabrook Island!

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Citizen Comments:

Chairman Ciancio announced that the meeting is now adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Before you go out and spend money on a new San Lucas’s Mexican Grill

San Lucas’s keeps getting all sorts of attention these days. The reason for all this is simple – they’re serving up some seriously delicious food. The ambiance is fantastic, with soft lighting and a relaxing atmosphere. The staff is friendly and attentive, making every visit a memorable experience.

San Lucas’s is located at 3216 Folly Rd, Charleston, SC 29412. They are open for lunch and dinner daily. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 843-565-1234.

The Loophole

The Loophole is a popular spot for locals and tourists alike. They offer a wide variety of breakfast and lunch options, including sandwiches, salads, and soups. The atmosphere is casual and welcoming, with a friendly staff and a comfortable seating area.

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The Conch House is a classic Charleston restaurant, known for its traditional Southern cuisine. They are located at 164 King St, Charleston, SC 29401. They are open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. For more information, call 843-722-1005.

San Lucas’s Beverage Menu

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The Portrait Society of America Names Watercolor Artist Mary Whyte As 2016 Gold Medal Award Recipient

Mary Whyte, renowned and award-winning figurative watercolor painter and author whose figurative watercolor paintings have captured international recognition, has been selected as the 2016 Portrait Society of America Gold Medal Award recipient. Whyte garnered much of her inspiration from the Gullah descendants of coastal Carolina slaves whose labor shaped much of our nation’s history. Her work is deeply rooted in the evolution of the Gullah culture and its continued connection with the natural world. Whyte has stretched the boundaries of traditional aesthetics and the history of figurative painting to capture the medium to grapple with universal themes that reach far beyond the country’s ancestral and cultural confines. Whyte was honored for lifelong dedication to the medium and art form for which she is so well known.

"She will receive recognition for lifetime achievements and a distinguished career that has continued to push watercolor in the direction of the portrait. It is fitting that the coveted distinction at The Society’s 18th annual Art of the Portrait conference be awarded to Mary Whyte," said The Portrait Society of America President, Harry D. Whyte, Jr. The Portrait Society of America is composed of artists from all over the world who come to network, learn, share, and exhibit their work. The Portrait Society of America is the only art organization that is exclusively dedicated to the art of the portrait in all media. The Portrait Society of America’s Gold Medal Award is the highest honor, is given annually to a single selected artist whose work over the course of their career has made the most significant, visible, and substantial contribution to the evolution of the portrait.

The Portrait Society of America’s annual Art of the Portrait conference will be held November 15-19, 2016. Addressing the conference will be some of the country’s most distinguished portrait artists as well as other internationally known artists. The conference is open to the public and will feature an exhibit of fine portraits and live demonstrations. For more information about the conference, please visit www.portraitsofamerica.org.

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Seabrook Strong

In the April Seabrook, Carl Voorhees’ article on the Audubon Sustainable Communities Program (ASCP) provides a background on how this program is working in Seabrook Island to protect and restore our Island’s environment. The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is working with ASCP’s goal of reducing the mortality of sea turtles during nesting and protecting sea turtles during their life cycle. This is a long-term commitment to a program to help protect sea turtles and other marine life.

The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol began the 2016 season with the Turtle Nest Monitoring and Nest Inventory Project. For the 2016 season, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is working with ASCP to help protect sea turtles and other marine life. The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is working with ASCP to help protect sea turtles and other marine life.

Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to beach walking, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol provides several opportunities to volunteers. These include off beach functions such as the Social and Education committee. These include off beach functions such as the Social and Education committee.

Junior Turtle Patrol. This program has several opportunities to volunteer. Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol provides protection and the various inventory of the many attributes which can appeal to almost any interest or desire that produces the desired good quality of life. A majority of South Carolina residents are outdoor or water oriented and volunteering from home. Many have active and challenging lives and many police, military, and other emergency organizations.

Members are among the most knowledgeable in the whole South Carolina Turtle Patrol. Members of the Junior Patrol are generally children or grandsons of Seabrook Island residents and available for at least 10 hours during the turtle nesting season. The purpose of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is to protect and preserve the sea turtles that visit our Island. The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol includes children of ages from 3 to 10 and over. Terry has personally monitored each Junior Patrol Member during the turtle nesting season.

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**FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS**

Hard to believe, but the Fourth of July is right around the corner, and the Lake House is gearing up for its annual Fourth of July Events. Every year, the Fourth of July Parade and after party Family Fun Celebration are must-see events, with the whole island coming together to celebrate the Fourth of July. This year, we’ve even added a Kids Sprint Triathlon. Additional information, including the schedule of events, can be found in the weekly “SIPOA Highlights” e-blast.

**LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT**

**INDOOR (FITNESS) POOL**

The Lake House is gearing up for its annual Fourth of July Events. For more information, please contact the Lake House at 843-886-2221. Registration forms are available at the Lake House.

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- Must be a SIPOA member
- Must be age 18 or over
- Must be physically capable of participating in a fitness program

For questions, please contact Mark Durinsky at rinsky27@gmail.com or Mark Durinsky at 843-886-4410.
2015/16 Year in Review

During the 2015-16 fiscal year (June through May) the Seabrook Island
Local Historical Society Group continues
to record the oral and intangible
diversity of Seabrook Island through
the 2015/2016 year comprised in
traditions at these events by SIlHSG members and guests was over 2,300.
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This year's Soup Supper was held on April 23rd at the Seabrook Island Community Center. The proceeds from the event will go towards the Seabrook Island Memorial Hospital and the Community Center.

The Island Chorale is planning to perform their 33rd Annual Spring Sing at the Church of Our Savior this past April 30th. The program was divided into 2 parts, Part 1 included the Choraliers, a baroque choir, and Part 2 featured the Isleteller, a jazz combo. The concert was well-received and is a great way to support the local arts community.

Local Seaforth Musician Performing at Bokehicket Marina

The Seabrook Island Musician's Association will be hosting a performance at Bokehicket Marina on June 8th. This event is open to the public and admission is free. The musician is a local talent and will perform a variety of popular songs.

Seabrook Island Garden Club Annual Spring Luncheon

The Seabrook Island Garden Club will be hosting their annual Spring Luncheon on May 3, 2016 at 11:30 AM at The Hats. The event is open to the public and admission is $25 per person. For more information, please contact Cheryl Schumann at (843) 547-8623.

Morial Day Weekend Fundraiser

On May 27, 2016, the Seabrook Island Garden Club will be hosting a Memorial Day Weekend Fundraiser. The event will be held at the Seabrook Island Community Center and will feature a variety of activities including a silent auction, live music, and a cookout.

Seabrook Island Equestrian Center Spring Flying

The Seabrook Island Equestrian Center will be hosting their annual Spring Flying event on May 14th. The event will feature a variety of equestrian activities including horse shows, clinics, and workshops.

Gullah Celebration

On May 13th, the Gullah Celebration will be held at the Seabrook Island Cultural Center. The event will feature a variety of activities including music, dance, and crafts.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL

On May 14th, the Seabrook Island Community Center will be hosting an Indoor Pickleball tournament. The event is open to the public and admission is $15 per person. For more information, please contact Myra Taylor at (843) 547-8623.

Seabrook Island Ladies Bible Study

The Seabrook Island Ladies Bible Study will be meeting on May 9th at 10:30 AM at the Seabrook Island Community Center. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Seabrook Stickers

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