

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Planning Commission was held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at Town Hall, 2050-B Middle Street, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Commission members Vice Chair Hal Currey, Sydney Cook, Carlsen Huey and Manda Poletti. Staff members present: Zoning Administrator Henderson, Asst. to Administrator Darrow and Administrator Benke (part of meeting).

I. Call to Order. Vice Chair Currey called the meeting to order, stated press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law, the Commission had a quorum and the following Commissioners were absent: Chair Visser and Carl Hubbard (both excused) and Rusty Bennett. Two members of the public were present (Ed Fava and Wayne Stelljes); no media.

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Huey moved to approve the January 14, 2015 agenda, amended as follows: (1) election of chair; and (2) defer item 1 (coyote control measures) until the February 11, 2015 meeting, when a coyote expert from the SC Department of Natural Resources (SC DNR) would be present. Seconded by Ms. Poletti; MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

III. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Poletti moved to approve the December 10, 2014 minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Cook. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

IV. Election of Planning Commission Chair

Vice-Chair Currey nominated Gary Visser noting that, although absent from this meeting, he has agreed to serve as Chair if the Commission so desired.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Currey nominated Gary Visser as 2015 Planning Commission chair; seconded by Mr. Huey. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Vice-Chair Currey noted that he was acting as Vice-Chair for this meeting. Commission decided to defer nomination/election of a Vice-Chair until the February 11, 2015 Commission meeting, to allow absent Commissioners the opportunity to participate.

V. Items for Consideration

2. National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)–Sullivan’s Island Program for Public Information

Staff reviewed information related to NFIP and the Town’s participation in the Community Rating System (CRS), and consideration of strategies for establishing a *Program for Public Information Committee (PPI)*.

Staff updated Commission on initial steps in establishing a Sullivan’s Island NFIP PPI. Zoning Administrator Henderson introduced resident Wayne Stelljes, present tonight, who will serve as the community liaison/citizen representative and noted Sam Schirmer will serve as the designated insurance representative. He requested Commission’s assistance in identifying an Island banker who would serve on the PPI to provide this expertise to the group. It was noted the PPI would meet approximately 2-3 times per year.

Staff identified next steps: Delineate target areas/audiences on the Island to whom the PPI should begin outreach. He noted insurance expert Sam Schirmer’s input would be helpful at this point. Further the PPI would inventory other jurisdictions (municipal and regional groups) and their PPI efforts to offer some suggestions for Sullivan’s Island.

VI. Items for Information

Staff Update on Town Projects: Staff provided an oral update on various Town projects for Commission’s information (no action taken)

Next Meeting – (6:30pm) Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at Town Hall

Correspondence & General Public Comments – No written comments

Wayne Stelljes, 3104 I’On Avenue, SI

- Expressed continued concern over the presence of coyotes on the Island and their impact on public safety.
- Supports Council taking action to eliminate coyotes from the Island as much as possible.
- Noted he would provide a letter/email to the Commission, prior to the February Commission meeting, explaining his full position on coyote management.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55p.m. (Ms. Cook motioned; Ms. Poletti seconded; unanimously passed).

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Darrow
Asst. to Administrator

Approved at the Wednesday, February 11, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting