

MINUTES

Green Space Advisory Committee

April 26, 2024, 10:30 AM, Executive Conference Room, Beaufort County Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair McShane called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM. Chair McShane stated that public notification of the meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act.

Chair McShane noted Senator Davis was in attendance earlier but had to excuse himself to attend another government function. Chair McShane asked the Committee members and guests to introduce themselves.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy Evans
Alice Howard, Vice-Chair
T. Peter Kristian
Carmen Avon Manning
Michael McShane, Chair
Laurel Rhoten

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Tom Davis

STAFF PRESENT:

Chuck Atkinson, Assistant County Administrator, Development/Recreation
Mark Davis, Deputy Director, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Department
Brian Hulbert, Deputy County Attorney
Thomas Keaveny, County Attorney Elected Officials (remote)
Robert Merchant, Director, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Department
Juliana Smith, Long-Range Planner, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Department

GUESTS PRESENT:

Curtis Coltrane, attorney for the Town of Hilton Head; Josh Gruber, Deputy Town Manager, Town of Hilton Head; Mary Ryan Krieger, Deputy Community Plans and Liaison Officer, MCAS; Graeme Philp, Graybill, Lansche & Vinzani; Kate Schaefer, Director of Land Protection, Beaufort County Open Land Trust; Jeff Vinzani, Graybill, Lansche & Vinzani; Andre White, Mitchelville Landowners; Kristen Williams, Executive Director, Beaufort County Open Land Trust.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Peter Kristian made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim Evans seconded. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2024:

Vice Chair Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4 meeting. Peter Kristian seconded. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vice Chair Howard made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70 (A) (2): discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements for the following proposed Green Space Applications: fee simple application, Mitchelville Road; fee simple application, Ulmer Road; fee simple application, William Hilton Parkway; and fee simple application, Jonesville Road. Carmen Avon Manning seconded. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

The Committee was in Executive Session from 10:40 AM to 11:54 AM.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair McShane said the Committee is in open session now and has an item they would like to take action on.

Peter Kristian made a motion that the Committee recommend proceeding with purchase of the Mitchelville tract to the Community Services and Land Use Committee, not to exceed new appraisal on the property after completion of an updated plat, contingent on full legal description, and that any funds received from grant, private, federal, or state would be reimbursed to the Green Space fund. Vice Chair Howard seconded. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Josh Gruber thanked the Committee for their support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vice Chair Howard made a motion to go back into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70 (A) (2): discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements for the following proposed Green Space Applications: fee simple application, Ulmer Road; fee simple application, William Hilton Parkway; and fee simple application, Jonesville Road. Peter Kristian seconded. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

The Committee was in Executive Session from 11:56 AM to 12:30 PM.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No matters arising out of Executive Session to report. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mark Davis gave an update on Green Space fund collection. Mark said the most recent reporting showed just over \$54 million collected. If that was projected out, collections are ahead of schedule. Mark said the penny may hit its mark by the end of the year or in January; it's performing.

Chair McShane noted there is an application deadline on Tuesday (April 30).

Mark Davis said we have already conducted the pre-application meetings on the upcoming application cycle. We anticipate from those meetings that three applications will be submitted to the Committee; the other two may land in the next application cycle. Chair McShane asked if there were any anticipated applications from the Town of Hilton Head. Mark said there was one application from Hilton Head anticipated for the upcoming application cycle.

The Committee set the next meeting date for Monday, June 3 at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Minutes compiled by Libby Anderson, Beaufort County Planning and Zoning Department