

Minutes
Historic Preservation Review Board
June 18, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Rob Merchant, Beaufort County Community Development Deputy Director, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Natalie Hefter, Chairman
Katrina Epps, Vice Chairman
Sally Murphy
Cheryl Steele
Kathryn Mixon
Katherine Pringle
Rosalyn Browne

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Community Development Deputy Director
Diane McMaster, Beaufort County Community Development Senior Administrative Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items):

There were none.

MINUTES:

The Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes presented to the Board. Ms. Sally Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Katherine Pringle, to approve the October 17, 2019, minutes as submitted. There was unanimous approval from Board members.

NEW BUSINESS: Dataw Island Pickleball Courts

The applicant is Dataw Island Club. Landscape Architect: Daniel Keefer
Dataw Island Club Manager: Ted Bartlett

It was noted that the Sam's family cemetery is located on the opposite side of the proposed construction site.

Mr. Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Community Development Department Deputy Director read letters submitted by Dataw Island residents:

- Ms. Marilyn Peck – concerns regarding the Master Plan; possible archaeological dig
- Eric and Lynn Brown – historical site
- David and Christine Murphy – ruins of Sam’s Plantation; Master Plan concerns

During the conceptual plan process, 62% of Dataw Club members voted in favor of the pickleball court construction project.

Board Member Ms. Sally Murphy noted that some residents expressed concern over the possible removal of numerous Water Oak trees. Mr. Dan Keefer stated that the site was chosen in order to avoid the removal of Live Oak trees.

Feedback from the Historical Society determined that the proposed construction site is as far away from the historical site as possible.

Ms. Murphy stated that the Board was tasked with determining if the proposed construction was in line with the Master Plan / open space guidelines and if there would be any negative effects on the Sam’s Plantation historical site.

Ms. Sally Murphy made a motion to adopt and approve the proposed construction, seconded by Ms. Katrina Epps. The motion was amended as follows: The Board will adopt and approve the proposal as long as the construction project is consistent with the Dataw Island Master Plan and open space requirement. There was unanimous approval from Board members.

OTHER BUSINESS: A field trip to Daufuskie Island – Oyster Union Society Hall may be planned in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Natalie Hefter adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.