



COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT TASK FORCE
9:00am, Wednesday, October 2, 2024
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

Present: David McNair (facilitator), Susan Smith, Alex Stone, Joe Ready (via Zoom), Linda Tucker, Maryanne Chalmers, Bev Miller, Paige Grimball, Bill Skeen (via Zoom), Hugh Swingle, Sara Vega, Patsy Hindman, Rod Turnage

Absent: Ben Marks

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, PR Officer Yudchenko

Mr. McNair thanked Task Force members for their continued efforts. Between all the parts of the plan, the draft includes 24 goals, 51 objectives, and 172 recommendations. He said that while it speaks well to the depth of their work, there will be a need to communicate their work without overwhelming Council or the public.

Mr. Turnage reviewed the draft of the work prepared by the Seasonal Parking and Traffic subcommittee. Task Force members offered feedback. Mr. McNair reminded the group that specific solutions are not needed, as plans for change in any area will be vetted by City Council and hired consultants. Administrator Fragoso suggested that one recommendation could be for City Council to hire a consultant to review specific parking and or traffic concerns.

Mr. Ready suggested the subcommittee consider if the goal is to generate more parking, optimize the parking already available, and or to create an awareness of available parking. The importance of working with the Town of Mt. Pleasant to regulate traffic flow and effectuate any traffic plan was also discussed. Mr. Stone noted this is a seasonal concern that is a “dance that needs to be coordinated.”

Ms. Chalmers expressed concern about the suggestion to add a pedestrian-safe walking lane on the IOP Connector. Mr. McNair proposed the recommendation to City Council could be “do you believe a pedestrian walkway ought to be recommended or leave it without having one.”

Mr. McNair said that he heard numerous contributions from the remaining Task Force members that he would like to see incorporated into the next draft of the Seasonal Parking and Traffic’s committee’s work.

The Task Force then discussed the draft of Quality of Life issues discussed at the last meeting surrounding short-term rental enforcement, noise and light mitigation, and proactive communications.

Discussion ensued regarding short-term rental signage and contact information for property managers. Mr. Turnage reminded the Task Force of the ongoing work of the Family Vacation Rental group of island property managers that is currently working collaboratively with the City on several short-term rental-related concerns.

Mr. McNair shared that he will provide City Council with an update of the work of the Task Force at the October 22 meeting. No specific recommendations will be shared at that time; only the group's progress and when the Task Force's work should be complete. He is targeting early 2025 for the final deliverable to City Council. He would like to start compiling the Task Force's plan so that it aligns with the City Strategic Plan. He will be working with PR Officer Yudchenko on the presentation of the plan.

The recreation and social aspects of the Quality of Life segment will be discussed at the next meeting on October 10, 2024.

The meeting ended at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk