

James Island History Council
Minutes
Tuesday April 6th, 2021

The James Island History Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at the future JI Arts and Cultural Center. The following members attended: Chair Paul Hedden, Jim Morrisette, Inez-Brown Crouch, and Melissa Dority. Staff present was Council liaison Mayor Bill Woolsey, Councilman Garrett Milliken, and Town Administrator Ashley Kellahan.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by chair Paul Hedden. This meeting was designed to be a special workshop at the new Arts and Cultural Center at 1248 Camp Rd. to discuss the history exhibits. Town Council approved working with Brockington & Associates, (HW Exhibits) to prepare temporary exhibits and a conceptual plan for the space. The group from HW Exhibits was present and included: Carol Poplin (Director), Tisha Bell (Graphic Designer), and Andrew Steever (Technical Director and main point of contact throughout project).

After introductions, Ashley Kellahan gave an overview of the space and went over the layout. Carol Poplin gave an overview of their scope and work. HWE will work in partnership with town staff to develop an exhibit plan that sets out exhibit themes and stories, imagines interpretive experiences for visitors, determines the interpretive products that can create those experiences, and diagrams the organization of the stories and exhibit components (walls, artifact cases, interpretive panels, digital interactives, etc.) throughout the designated gallery. In addition, they will help staff develop a concept for a temporary exhibit based on the Town's history booklet published in 2019. The exhibit can be presented in the history gallery while the permanent exhibit is designed, fabricated, and installed.

Carol explained this meeting was their kick-off meeting, and they plan to provide a temporary exhibit concept to the Town by May 15th. The group discussed how the various spaces would interact with one another and also how it was important for this body to help guide HWE and the Town on what story the exhibits wanted to tell.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th @ 6: 00 pm in person at James Island Town Hall.

Submitted by Ashley Kellahan