

The Planning Commission met on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:47 p.m. by virtual platform (Zoom). This meeting was held in a workshop setting to review the Town of James Island's Comprehensive Plan. Staff were present at the Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC.

Planning Commissioners present: Lyndy Palmer, Vice Chair, Bill Lyon, Ed Steers, Zennie Quinn, and David Bevon, Chairman presided. **Also:** Kristen Crane, Planning Director, Flannery Wood, Planner I, Cynthia Mignano, Town Council, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk and Secretary to the Planning Commission.

Call to Order: Chairman Bevon called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act: In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island, members of the public were provided a link to the proceedings of the meeting. The public was also encouraged to submit comments or questions regarding the 5-year review of the Comprehensive Plan by email to the Planning Director at planning@jamesislandsc.us or to appear in person at the Town Hall to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Approval of June 11, 2020 Minutes: Chairman Bevon moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Steers, and passed unanimously.

Public Comments: No member of the public was present.

Staff Comments: None

Comprehensive Plan 5-Year Review Workshop: Chairman Bevon announced that the Planning Commission would be discussing edits, additions, and making updates to the Town of James Island's Comprehensive Plan in a workshop setting and that no votes would be taken.

Planning Director, Kristen Crane gave an overview of the edits, additions, and updates to the Comprehensive Plan with input from the Planning Commission. Mrs. Crane noted that updates made from other entities and Planning Commission recommendations were highlighted in pink and information from CARTA is highlighted in green.

Review/Update

Chapter 3: Comprehensive Plan Elements

3.1: Land Use Element: Boundary Map Updated

3.1.3: Future Use Categories : Add FRC-O FLU maps

3.3: Natural Resources: Endangered Species – updated information on Bald Eagle; waiting on language for Wood Storks

NR2: added language

NR6: added language

3.4: Cultural Resources Element

Historic Sites: add language about historical markers: Pinckney Park, and Battle of Dills Bluff

3.4.4: Cultural Resources Element Goal:

CR 1: added language

CR 4: added language

Chapter 3.5: Population Element: updated after release of new census data

Chapter 3.6: Housing Element: updated after release of new census data

3.6:3 Housing Element Needs

H3: added new language

3.7.2: Roads: added language re: Jeffrey and Lemontree Roads; PW Director to provide updates

Folly Road Improvements: information revised/new information added

Harbor View Road Improvements: Information revised, and new information added

Bicycle Lanes and Sidewalks: added information

Public Transportation: CARTA Express Service updated. Added riders 217-19 for Route #31

Chapter 3.8: Community Facilities Element: added information for Solid Waste Management, Recycling Services, Fire Protection

Law Enforcement: added, Deputy for Town Hall beg. July 2020

Medical Care: struck Nason Medical added other medical facilities and veterinary practices

Emergency Preparedness: added info. on Town's MEOC and corroboration with other entities. Need to add information on current Pandemic COVID-19. Need to include all other disasters the Plan addresses.

Educational Facilities: add Harbor View Elementary School

Roads, Sidewalks and Drainage: added future projects planned; add sidewalk on Lighthouse Blvd, Regatta and Nabors

Community Facilities Elements Needs: SW stakeholder meetings now monthly

Bicycle, Walking, jogging paths: check spelling for "bikability"; change sentence to read: i.e., improve ability to walk and bike....

Roads and Drainage: goals added

3.9.5: Priority Investment Element Strategies and Time Frames: strike PI 4; add new language for PI 5

Other Discussion:

Research connectivity from Buxton Bridge to HV Circle with City of Charleston/Federal funding

Add Harbor View Road under Strategy and Time Frame. Councilwoman Mignano suggested looking into the feasibility of having a wooden bridge (i.e., Dills Bluff) having the least impact on the marsh while providing safety to people. Bridge is in the City, but Town could collaborate with them. This could be a wooden walkway on pilings that would not impact this beautiful view. Mrs. Crane to add sentence to reflect this in the plan.

Commissioner Quinn asked the timeframe for completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Crane said the Comprehensive Plan is still on schedule. She hopes to have a semi-draft in August and the Planning Commission vote in September; then it would go to Town Council in October or November.

Commissioner Quinn asked that Town Councils and Committees be included in the Plan. Councilwoman Mignano suggested for ease in location, to place them all in one section with a brief description of each. Note: that meeting dates/times are subject to change. Also add information on James Island Outreach, Repair Care, and Blessing Boxes.

Chair's Comments: Chairman Bevon thanked the staff for their hard work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioners Comments: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Planning Commission is August 13, 2020.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the workshop adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk and Secretary to the Planning Commission