



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
In-Person Meeting at James Island Town Hall
1122 Dills Bluff, James Island, SC 29412
March 12th, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

In attendance: Chairwoman Brook Lyon, Spencer Wetmore, Chris Bizzell, Jenny Honeycutt, Fred Whittle, Joe Walters, Cynthia Mignano, Ashley Kellahan, Monica Eustace, Eliza Story, Amanda Cox, Jenna Stephens, Torrey Sanders, Emily Pigott, Kyle James, Kristen Crane, Hillary Smith, Carol Jackson, Mike Hemmer

- I. Welcome – Chairwoman Lyon called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Previous Meeting Minutes – Chairwoman Lyon
A motion to approve the minutes from December 11th, Steering Committee Meeting was made and seconded to approve; passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comments:
-Hilary Smith from 1155 Bradford spoke regarding how the speed bumps on Pauline have caused more traffic on Bradford. She is concerned about how traffic changes on Folly Road will further impact traffic on Bradford.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. SCDOT Road Safety Audit for Folly Road
The Committee discussed the Audit again, noting that the Town passed a resolution asking SCDOT to review the plan for raised medians and that they agreed to hold another public meeting. There was some discussion about the crash data that DOT has collected and if they would provide any insight at the next public input meeting.
 - b. Consultant for Rethink Folly Road
There was brief discussion about the funding that each municipality would consider providing and what scope would be needed. James Island Planning Director Kristen Crane noted that there would be a planning call held to discuss the scope and help define what a consultant hire might look like.
- V. New Business:
 - a. Town of James Island – Mayor Lyon
-As noted, the town passed a resolution regarding the raised medians.
-The flagpole display honoring military veterans on Folly Road near the Carolina One building is progressing and hopefully will soon be installed.



- b. City of Charleston – Eliza Storey
 - Retiming of signals on Folly Road. Implementation by mid-April and a summertime implementation to make adjustments and be complete by fall.
 - SS4A action plan grant direction is being planned with a final report with recommendations around June at which time construction plans can begin.
 - c. Other – Citizen email
 - Does any Rethink Folly plan or project conflict with the SCDOT safety audit recommendations, specifically a road diet with the medians? Discussions indicated that there shouldn't be any conflicts as the RFR projects are expanding the bike lanes and paths and would not impact the middle median plans.
- VI. Jurisdictional Updates:
- a. Amanda Cox with the City of Charleston reported that the zoning code update has been postponed indefinitely to be better organized and prepared for a potential 2026 sales tax referendum. Community input meetings were planned, but recently postponed.
 - b. Emily Pigott with the County reported that the County approved a water transmission supply line for Folly Beach, adjacent to Folly Road.
 - c. Jenny Honeycutt noted that the County is set to bid the Folly Road Phase 1 sidewalk construction soon and that, adjacent to Folly, the intersection improvements at Ft. Johnson and Camp and Ft. Johnson and Secessionville will be combined and bid in April.
 - d. Brook Lyon reported that there have been recent reviews of the drainage issue caused by the DOT installed medians at Ft. Johnson and Folly Road as well as the flooding issues, probably caused by a pipe obstruction under Folly Road, at Chandler and Bradford.
- VII. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025
- Brook Lyon was nominated and approved to continue as Chair, Caroline Parker was nominated and approved for Vice-Chair.
- VIII. Next Meeting – To be determined. A schedule of meetings for 2025 will be emailed.
- VIX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm