Town of James Island
History Commission Agenda

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm

James Island Town Hall | 1122 Dills Bluff Road | James Island, SC

I. Welcome and Call to Order

II. Changes to / Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2026 Meeting

IV. Public Comments

V. Presentations

VI. Reports

a. Town Market Outreach
   i. November 6 Market Follow-up - Native American Heritage Month / Shell Rings
   ii. December exhibit planning - Town history posters, materials and staffing
   iii. Future Town Market Themes
      - December 2026 - History of the Town
      - January 2027 - Churches
      - February 2027 - Black History Month
      - March 2027 - Women's History Month
      - April 2027 - Parks
      - May 2027 - Historic Markers
      - June 2027 - May Forest
      - Future consideration - Forts of James Island

b. Historic Markers
   i. Historic Marker Status and Next Steps
      - Payne RMUE – Marker delivered; dedication held; event follow-up
      - St. James Episcopal Church – In production at SEWAH (next)
      - First Baptist Church of James Island – In production at SEWAH (2nd)
      - James Island Presbyterian Church – Check and order sent to SEWAH (3rd)
      - Joan Sooy / Holy Cross Cemetery – Marker installed; event follow-up

ii. Historic Marker Site Cleanup
    - Battery Cheves - November 21 cleanup; event time, volunteers, equipment and coordination
    - Additional sites and supplies needed

c. Special Projects
    i. Storytelling Program
        - Recorder and startup costs; editing, transcription and releases; YouTube or website hosting, Lowcountry Digital and pilot recordings before June 2027
    ii. Richardson House Follow-up
        - Commission tour arrangements and opportunities to assist

VII. Old Business

a. Early James Island photographs / Arts and Cultural Center display - project scope and possible Rod Welch participation

b. Proposed neighborhood markers - Grace Triangle?; draft wording? Site coordination?

c. 2026-2027 work plan - project assignments and priorities (Retreat?)

VIII. New Business

a. Additional project proposals and assignments

IX. Commissioner Comments

X. Next Meeting Reminder

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm, subject to confirmation

XI. Adjournment