



History Commission Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6 pm
James Island Town Hall
1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC

I. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present Commissioners: Michael Williams – Chair, Jim Morrisette – Vice – Chair,
Inez Brown Crouch, Jay Reese, and Bill Lyon

Absent Commissioners: Randy Hilyer

Other Attendees: Mayor Brook Lyon, Mike Hemmer, Julia Drayton-Crumblin

Chair Williams welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order

II. Changes to / Approval of Agenda - none

III. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2025

Motion to approve by Inez Brown Crouch, seconded by Jay Reese; approved.

IV. Public Comments – Julia Drayton-Crumblin introduced herself to the group and indicated she is running for Town Council, noting that she grew up on the island and is starting a daycare.

V. Reports:

a. Town Market Outreach:

Jay Reese and Bill Lyon reported that the October market might have been the busiest market yet. While the topic was Mill Point Park there were many questions about a wide variety of topics regarding James Island.

The Commission discussed the list of themes for future markets, with a list from the market subcommittee. After much discussion, the upcoming market themes decided upon were:

November 7, 2025:	Native Americans
December 5, 2025:	History of the Town
January 2, 2026:	The Revolutionary War
February 6, 2026:	Black History / Segregation
March 6, 2026:	Historical Marker Program
April 3, 2026:	Lawton Bluff
May 1, 2026:	Gullah Geechee History
June 5, 2026:	Simeon Pinckney Park
September 4, 2026:	Sea Island Lodge and Mosquito Fleet

b. Historic Markers:

Procedure

The amended procedure document was presented by Mayor Lyon. With one further minor amendment, Michael Williams motioned to approve the procedure, Jim Morrisette Seconded; procedure approved.

In-Process

Mike Hemmer noted the status of the active applications:

- Three Trees has been submitted, waiting for wording
- Payne RMUE has been submitted
- St. James Episcopal has been submitted
- First Baptists has been recently submitted

There continued to be discussion about the need to contact representatives of the property nearby these markers to know where the marker will be installed, well before the marker is received by the Town, noting that Three Trees is becoming pressing. Michael Williams noted there would be some clean-up of sites, along with the Simeon Pinckney replica that he would conduct soon.

c. Video Productions:

Michael Williams had no update, but he did note that the Grant's Store video has seen an uptick in activity.

d. Special Projects:

Pinckney Memorial Marker

Michael Williams and Mayor Lyon noted that the monument company should install in early November and the Town is planning a public ceremony on November 15th. A caterer has been obtained and the public will be invited.

VI. Old Business:

- a. There was no old business.

VII. New Business:

- a. The Commission briefly touched upon 2026 Objectives and Michael Williams indicate he would update and invite the Commission to use the overall Google Doc spreadsheet for work he has developed.
- b. It was noted that another planning meeting at Mill Point Park would be helpful.
- c. There was no other business brought before the Commission.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

There were no comments.

X. It was noted that the next meeting will be MONDAY November 10, 2025 at 6 pm at James Island Town Hall. Tuesday the 11th is Veteran's Day.

XI. There being no further business, Bill Lyon moved to adjourn at 7:07 pm, Inez Brown Crouch seconded; meeting was adjourned.

Minutes provided by:

Mike Hemmer