James Island Pride Minutes
November 19, 2026
6:00 pm

Attendees: Brook Lyon, Henrietta Martin, Julia Crumblin, Stan Kozikowski, Amy Ball, DeAnn Grayson, Kenny Grayson, Jamie Gillette, Val Henshaw, Marlo Shedlock, Denise Weinstein

I. Minutes from October approved.
II. Committee reports
    A. Helping Hands
        1. There was a good turnout on Nov. 14; HH covered 3 yards with 5 volunteers.
        2. Signs seem to be working; we plan to put signs in more visible areas, keeping in mind that some spots are not available due to city / county / DOT / or private restrictions. Of the three 3 signs put out, 1 is missing; Stan will follow up with nearby owners.
III. Adopt-A-Highway
    A. Connector Run pickup had 7 volunteers who collected 12 bags.
    B. Next pickup January 9. The insurance issue (see new business) should be resolved by this time.
    C. Upcoming scheduled AAH dates for 2027 - January 9, February 13, March 13, May 8 or 15, September 11 or Oct 9.November 14. There are supplies on the porch if anyone wants to pick up litter in between.
IV. Budget updates: starting $6000, spent $2700. Brooke will update before the next meeting.
V. Old business
    A. Bring ideas for graphics for t-shirts and water bottles at the next meeting to work with Parker. (tabled until January)
    B. We discussed a planned Island wide pick up event for May 1, however the local Presbyterian Church has a big event planned that day so we have tentatively rescheduled for fall 2027 - October 2. Brooke will reserve Town Hall grounds for that day and remove May 1 from the calendar.
    C. The Battery Cheves clean up is rescheduled to Dec. 5.
VI. New Business
    A. Discussion by Brooke Lyon regarding insurance for AAH and HH events; this is needed because of potential liability issues. This will include coverage as well as having volunteers sign a Release of Liability form. Minors are a question; Amy will contact the high school about liability / coverage for students working for public service hours. Lyon is working with Brian, town attorney, on options.
    B. The committee voted to authorize Amy Ball, Brooke Lyon, DeAnn Grayson and Stan Kozikowski to approve any insurance options.
    C. Plans to speak with law enforcement regarding enforcing litter laws.

D. Val Henshaw - new attendee discussed concerns about litter on the island. We discussed ways to fine offenders, with the potential to get law enforcement involved. Other towns appear to be doing a better job - ex. Mt. Pleasant. Their pickups may be paid from town funds?
E. Marlo Shedlock from AAH/Clemson Ext. discussed a $25k grant received and the areas being cleaned by contract employees. Please contact her with suggestions, although many of the worst areas have been covered
F. AAH along with Sustainability Institute will have a pickup on MLK day.
G. The meeting date will be changed to the 3rd Wednesday at 5:00 PM, directly before the Town Hall meeting. The next meeting is January 20, 2027 (no December meeting.)