



Town of Hilton Head Island PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 2:00 PM Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairman Siebold called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Present were Chairman Siebold, Ellen Whaley, Tom Henz, Joseph DuBois, and Chuck Lobaugh.

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Henz to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Lobaugh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lobaugh to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025. Commissioner Whaley seconded. The Minutes of May 21, 2025 were unanimously approved.

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

- a. Gullah-Geechee Land & Cultural Preservation Task Force Update - Lavon Stevens, Chairman

Lavon Stevens provided the Planning Commission with the annual update from the Gullah-Geechee Land & Cultural Preservation Task Force, highlighting significant progress made on 23 of the 37 recommendations outlined in the Town's Cultural Preservation Project Report. Key accomplishments included the launch of the Gullah History and Cultural Awareness Program, implementation of expedited permitting and land use flexibility, and continued efforts to address heirs' property challenges and critical home repairs. Mr. Stevens emphasized the Task Force's ongoing role in cultural preservation, public policy, and community advocacy, as well as the importance of collaborative implementation through the newly established Gullah-Geechee Historic Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation.

- b. **STDV-000362-2025** – Consideration of a Public Hearing for Nadine Chaplin, owner of 55 Sugar Horse Lane, proposing to name a new street name off Sugar Horse Lane. The affected parcels are R510 004 006K 0000 and R510 004 006F 0000. - Joheida Fister, Deputy Fire Chief

Chairman Siebold introduced the item and declared the Public Hearing open. Joheida Fister, Deputy Fire Chief, presented a proposal for a new access easement off of Horse Sugar Lane to be named Lezette Place. Following the opportunity for public comment and Commission discussion, the Public Hearing was closed. A motion was made by Commissioner Lobaugh to approve the naming of this street as presented. Commissioner DuBois seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. **STDV-000308-2025** – Consideration of a Public Hearing for Herbert Ford, owner of 19 Marshland Road, proposing to name a new street name off Marshland Road. The affected parcel is R510 008 000 0460 0000. - Joheida Fister, Deputy Fire Chief

Chairman Siebold introduced the item and declared the Public Hearing open. Joheida Fister, Deputy Fire Chief, presented a proposal for a new access easement off of Marshland Road to be named Rosanna Lane. Following the opportunity for public comment and Commission discussion, the Public Hearing was closed. A motion was made by Commissioner Whaley to approve the naming of this street as presented. Commissioner DuBois seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment - Non Agenda Items

8. Commission Business

- a. Nomination & Election of New Officers for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Chairman Siebold asked for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Whaley nominated Tom Henz for Chairman. Commissioner DuBois seconded. By a unanimous vote, Tom Henz was elected as Chairman.

Commissioner Siebold asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner DuBois nominated Ellen Whaley for Vice-Chair. By a unanimous vote, Ellen Whaley was elected as Vice-Chairman.

- b. Recognition of outgoing Commissioner John Campbell.

This item will be moved to the agenda of the July 16, 2015 meeting of Planning Commission.

9. Chairman's Report

10. Staff Reports

11. Adjournment

Chairman Siebold adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

APPROVED - July 18, 2025.

The recording of this Meeting can be found on the Town's website at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov