

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN’S ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Meeting was held at 5:00PM, this date, at Town Hall, 2056 Middle Street, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act satisfied. Present: Committee members Gary Visser (Chair), Sydney Cook (Vice-Chair), Charlie Cole, Hal Currey, Carl Hubbard, Manda Poletti and Tim Watterson. Staff members: Zoning Administrator Henderson and Asst. to Administrator Darrow.

Call to Order. Chair Visser called the meeting to order, stated press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law and all Committee members present; special guest Ryan McClure (Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester County of Government aka BCD-COG); and four (4) audience members present (to include Councilmember Rita Langley and Mark Howard; Susan Middaugh and Joan Cook); no media.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – approved as presented

Commission reminded audience that conceptual approval of Comprehensive Plan material would occur in the regular Planning Commission meetings and the series of Steering Committee meetings would serve as workshops.

II. CORRESPONDENCE-PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Consultant McClure (BCD-COG) – Reported no specific correspondence received

1. VISION STATEMENT

Staff (Joe Henderson) & Consultant McClure

Staff presented “Vision Statement and Guiding Principles.” Committee reviewed and revised language on document (as shown in Exhibit B).

Public Comments: None

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Move document entitled “Vision Statement and Guiding Principles” to regular Planning Commission meeting for consideration and potential approval, meeting to be held immediately following.

2. NEXT MEETING: February 15, 2018

Committee to revise and move to Planning Commission:

1. Population Element/Needs & Goals
2. Community Facilities Element/Needs & Goals

Committee to receive from Staff for March 2018 meeting discussion (deliverables):

1. Housing Element/Needs & Goals
2. Cultural Resources Element/Needs & Goals

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Darrow
Asst. to Administrator

Approved at the February 15, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting

Vision and Guiding Principles

Vision

Through its long history, Sullivan’s Island has become an exceptional community on the coast of South Carolina that focuses on livability, promotes preservation of the natural environment and its historic character, and fosters a small-scale and unique business district.

Guiding Principles

The guiding principles will help influence the writing for each chapter and the goals and objectives throughout the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. They are intentionally concise and provide clear direction for the future of Sullivan’s Island.

1. Sullivan’s Island will strive to maintain a small-town feel that originated from its past and which continues to this day.
2. Sullivan’s Island will work to remain a predominately low density, single family community.
3. Sullivan’s Island will work to promote its historic districts and maintain a small and unique business district.
4. Sullivan’s Island will continue to maintain and preserve the natural environment including, but not limited to trees, beaches, sand dunes, marshes, creeks, public vistas and access points, as well as the accreted lands to the benefit of the residents and wild life it preserves.
5. Sullivan’s Island will protect and maintain public amenities, such as parks and town facilities to sustain the town’s sense of community and connectedness.
6. Sullivan’s Island will ensure that the architecture is compatible with the existing island character, neighborhoods and historic fabric.
7. Sullivan’s Island will promote and expand public open spaces with a commitment to sustainability for the benefit of future generations.

Planning Commission granted preliminary approval January 10, 2018