

**CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND
COMMUNITY RESOURCE COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Monday, June 21, 2010 – 4:00 PM
Council Chambers

minutes

Members Present: Freda Rutherford, Mallory Pearce, Karen Kelly, Don Ernst, Rusty Fleetwood, Judy Miller

Members Absent: Sandy Major

Guest: Lisa Callahan

Freda Rutherford opened the meeting at 4:05 PM and invited everyone to introduce themselves and provide a little information about their background and interests. All did. After his introduction, Lisa Callahan said that she has submitted an application to become a member of the committee and that her husband is on the planning commission and she would recuse herself if a conflict occurred. Don Ernst stated that he sold wood and would recuse himself if there were any conflicts of interests. Rusty Fleetwood said that he did not plan to recuse himself. Freda commented that the backgrounds and skills of the group are varied and impressive.

Charging of the Committee:

Freda said that Jason was at an International Baccalaureate conference and unable to be present to charge the new committee. She then asked everyone to review the remarks that he sent and discuss. Freda also stated that Jason planned on being the council liaison to the committee.

Review of the Ordinance:

Judy Miller reviewed the functions and duties section of the ordinance with the committee. Discussion followed regarding the structure of the committee. Rusty asked how many members? Freda said we currently have seven but the ordinance call for 10-15. Rusty then suggested that our first goal should be recruitment with each member finding one more. Freda proposed that recruitment be an ad hoc committee of the whole. She proposed standing committees of water, energy and transportation. Mallory said we need an eco-tourism committee. Karen said that food security is part of our charge. After discussion marketing/lobbying were considered as standing committees with ordinance review as another ad hoc committee. Rusty proposed that each session end with an "Idea Session." Freda said it could be a regular part of the agenda.

Discussion regarding Structure:

The group discussed their need to be up to speed on current sustainability efforts that are underway. All agreed that the first year would be a large education process.

The following topics are to be scheduled 10 minute briefings by a subject matter expert (SME) for the next meeting:

- Memorial Park Carbon Neutral Grant
- Solar Off-Set
- Water First
- DNR Green Team

By-laws Drafting Committee:

Freda volunteered to begin the process and Mallory agreed to proof read.

Meeting Schedule:

After discussion it was agreed that the committee will be on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Idea Session:

Rusty informed the committee that there were systems used in olden time that required no oil, citing the story of the Salzburgers lumber mill at Ebenezer, which in the 1750s was turning out 1,500 board feet of lumber powered by an empoundment from the Savannah River, and the Augusta Canal, built in the 1850s to supply power to several large mills in Augusta through water-driven turbines. This water flow was all powered by gravity, of course, the only totally free and inexhaustible energy source we have. Gravity could even transport people and vehicles to Tybee and throughout the island by giant coasters or zip-lines, and though it would be a fun ride (you could charge for it), it might be impractical. Gravitational pull also powers the tides, and several countries have developed power plants based on tidal flow or rise and fall.

Lisa asked about water taxis. Rusty said he had some experience with them but they are problematic.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Freda Rutherford
Committee Member