DAUFUSKIE ISLAND COUNCIL

Community Forum, Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 5:00 PM Daufuskie Fire Station (outside)

Call to Order: Council Chair Leanne Coulter called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with a quorum of members present.

Roll Call:

Present: Leanne Coulter, John Schartner, Tonie Meyers, Steve Hill, Kathy Aurichio,

Robert Levis
Absent: Roger Pinckney

Pledge of Allegiance

General Announcements:

- Council expressed appreciation to the Daufuskie Island Fire Department for making the fire station available for our meeting.
- Adopt-A-Road Program: This program is being reinvigorated by the Daufuskie Island Conservancy. They will be updating their volunteer list and are seeking new volunteers. They are particularly targeting new residents.
- Flu Shots: Hilton Head Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) will return to the island to resume flu shot administration. On their previous visit they had only senior doses available. They will return to the island with regular doses soon.
- We have entered the election season for the Daufuskie Island Council. We expect one opening for the February election. Interested persons should talk to current council members for information about the council's role and the election process itself.
- The council is investigating procuring a new community bulletin board to post by the mailbox complex. Previous announcement bulletin board was destroyed by hurricane Matthew

Guest speaker: Fire-Fighter George Perez of the Daufuskie Island Fire Department gave a short talk on holiday safety emphasizing kitchen safety. He also urged caution concerning home internal fires during the cold weather. He reminded all that fire sensors should be verified for working batteries.

Public Forum #1:

- Erin Quinn described planning concerning Santa's visit to fire station. Presents will be available for children attending the event.
- Aaron Crosby reminded all that the community Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday. All are invited but be mindful that COVID precautions will be followed.

Community Happenings: Steve Hill reported Daufuskie Island school holiday activities will not be conducted this year.

Council Updates:

- Ferry: Beaufort County Public Facilities Committee met this past week and discussed options for the Daufuskie public ferry service embarkation at Buckingham Landing. Four options were presented:
 - 1. Continue current operations
 - 2. Build temporary embarkation at the CC Haigh landing
 - 3. Reduce scope of services to DI residents only
 - 4. Issue new RFP for ferry services

After discussion and hearing from citizen comments, which included two Daufuskie Island residents, the Committee endorsed option 4. Beaufort County will issue a Request for Proposals in the next few weeks. The current ferry contract goes through the end of June.

Council Projects:

- Melrose Fuel Tank: Roger Pinckney reported via memo that the fuel tanks are pumped out. He is uncertain whether the tanks will be filled with inert material or dug up and removed.
- Sand Mine Proposal on Haig Point Rd: The Scott's are suing Beaufort County for a zoning permit to proceed with mining sand on property they own along Haig Point Rd. Appeal board has a month to respond.
- Community Park: John Schartner explained the background of the project and introduced Erin Quinn who described the current plan to procure equipment for a children's play area. Committee is evaluating different designs and will also decide a location for the play area.

Public Forum #2:

- Island Flu Shots: Dr. Carol Rizzo-Baum joined the meeting and explained that on December 1st from 11:00 to 1:00 Hilton Head Volunteers in Medicine will return to the island and provide flu shots at the fire station.
- Several citizens commented on the ferry RFP process.
- Dean Roberson provided comments on the sequence of events regarding the county's plan to provide a temporary landing on Pinckney island.
- Leanne Coulter commented that the Daufuskie Island Council has agreed on a resolution concerning specifications for the RFP. It is posted on the website.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 5:00 PM