

DI Council Meeting
September 20, 2022
5:30 PM
DIFD, 400 Haig Point Road

Roll Call – Kathy Aurichio, Leanne Coulter, Robert Levis, Beth McIntyre, Cathie Moore, Roger Pinckney, John Schartner

Call to order

Pledge

Remarks from the Chair - Roger Pinckney

The most precious thing in the world to me is Daufuskie Island. My familial connections go back to my great grandfather in the Confederate Army. My friends are also extremely important to me. Most of the issues that have come before the Council we do not generate and are issues that have been pushed upon us. Condemnation of Prospect Rd., Condemnation of Melrose Dock and the STR issues have all been brought about by the actions of others. It is important to love each other as much as we love this island.

Chief Comparetto- DIFD

A fatality on HHI side was just reported at an STR. The cause is yet undetermined. Please be aware that all owners should be informed about safety measures when renting their properties. It is easy for visitors to get complacent when they are out of their familiar surroundings and not know their best exit in case of an emergency. Please be aware that the DIFD is more than happy to help with safety inspections.

Kathy Aurichio

Burkes will be here for flu shots Saturday October 1, 2022 11:00 – 1:00. You can preregister before the clinic. There will also be COVID boosters sometime after the Flu Clinic. (The Flu shot clinic was cancelled due to Hurricane Ian.)

Dr. Baum has also been organizing CPR clinics at no charge. The 4 hour class will be held Thursdays and Saturdays. Anyone 12 or older is eligible to participate. If this class is required for your job, there will be a small charge.

Community Happenings -

September 24, 2022	10:30 - 12:00 Middle School Years
October 12, 2022	6:00-8:00 PM, Chili and Bingo Night
October 22, 2022	Fall Fest to benefit the PTO for the Island School at the Helmuth Center
October 30, 2022	Halloween Hayride and Community Trick or Treat
November 26, 2022	Holiday Market 11:30 - 4:00
December 15, 2022	Holiday Show at DIFD

This year's Holiday Market will have its own email address. If you want to volunteer, sign up for a booth, or have questions please use this email
DIHolidayMarket@gmail.com

Announcements

2022 Committees:

Roads, Access and Easements - Roger Pinckney (Chair), Beth McIntyre

Freeport Rd, one of the most heavily travelled roads on island, has been in terrible shape due to all the rain the island has received. Wick Surrency has fixed the road at his expense by stabilizing the surface with rock.

Prospect Rd, west of the Egleberger Tract, Church Rd, and School Rd are now under county protection and maintenance.

Road Conditions

Due to the significant amount of rain this year, the roads have been in disastrous condition. BC has 5 year plan for all the roads within the county and DI roads are scheduled for maintenance in years 3 and 4. During that time, the county will be using rock to stabilize the road surfaces and get drainage along the road side completed

The County is aware of the current condition of our roads. The temporary fix is for the roads is to put some rock on the roads. They have also purchased new road equipment for use elsewhere in the county and DI will inherit the equipment they are retiring.

Mary Dunn Cemetery

Earlier, the entrance and Road to Mary Dunn Cemetery, was moved by R. Dulany who owns the adjoining property. Once the county took possession of Prospect Rd, they surveyed the road and determined that Mr. Dulany moved the road, some 40', from his property to the adjoining property owned by Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott was made aware of the issue and has contacted Mr. Dulany. The road will now be moved back to Mr. Dulany's property.

Melrose Dock

In a special meeting the DIC sent a letter to BC on September 19, 2022. In that letter, the DIC requested that the dock be obtained by "whatever means necessary". The dock negotiations and the tentative agreement between BC and Whitestone has collapsed. Whitestone has promised to go to court to fight the condemnation of the property by BC. Before any case is heard, it will need to be determined whether or not Whitestone has standing as they are not the owner of the property but merely the property management company.

Tourism – Kathy Aurichio (Chair), Cathie Moore, Beth McIntyre

The Day Tripper summer numbers for the DI Ferry for June, July, Aug have increased 20% over the previous year.

The College of Charleston has been awarded a grant to study tourism on DI. This is a yearlong study, which has already begun, for the Dept of Tourism and is sponsored by the HHI Association of Realtors and Beaufort Association of Realtors

A proposal to create a DI Small Business Association group. All current business owners can get together to discuss how to best utilize their collective business power. This will not be a Council Committee but rather a suggestion to the DI business community. Currently, DI oversees \$40 Million in revenue from tourism.

Parks – John Schartner (Chair) –

There is no update regarding the parks. Greg Hutton has been instrumental in keeping the fields cut. The island Soccer teams meet there on Sunday afternoons at 4PM. Taylor Moran has been cleaning bathrooms for free. A contract is being worked on to have this taken over.

DI Plan and Codes Liaison – Cathie Moore (Co-Chair), Leanne Coulter (Co-Chair)

Trying to set a regularly scheduled meeting for the Code Committee

Public Discussion – 3 minutes per person.

Stewart Yarborough – Thanks everyone for their compromise on getting this resolution passed. In the end it was good politics and everyone voted to pass this. I really appreciate everything that was done. The new regulations help to push this forward.

Pam Cobb – I'm glad that there has been an approved process done for those persons trying to rent.

Deb Smith – This started with BC and we wanted to respect the committee process. This has been a contentious issue. People have lost lots of money due to the lack of wording in the code. The public as well as council has spent a lot of time debating this issue. DARR members feel good about the final product.

Leanne Coulter – She felt that every suggestion put forth by the Code Committee members was met with considerable resistance from DARR. She does not feel that the proposal was a fair representation of the ideas of everyone. Agreement to the proposal, will ensure that the item is moved onto the full Council agenda for a vote.

Board Vote on STR – The STR proposal as written was not approved and voted down 4-3.

The votes were as follows:

Roger Pinckney – No

Leanne Coulter – Yes

Kathy Aurichio – No

Cathie Moore – No

John Schartner – Yes

Beth McIntyre – No

Robert Levis – Yes

The meeting devolved into chaos and was adjourned