

April 18, 2023
5:30 PM
DIFD, 400 Haig Point Road

Roll Call –Beth McIntyre, Taylor Moran, John Schartner, Kade Yarborough,

Call to order

Pledge

Remarks from the Chair

Announcements

The Grand Reopening of the Farm will take place May 6, from 1-4 PM

Special Guests:

Kim Lundgren

The organizer's intention to start a private Middle School on Daufuskie Island for the island's 15, 6th 7th and 8th grade students. Since the inception of the idea 7 months ago, they have collaborated with national and international educators to establish a framework for their vision.

Vision:

We believe every child, in every community, deserves access to a rich, rigorous, and well-rounded education. By partnering with communities, we instill a love of learning, foster a culture of creativity, create an atmosphere of belonging, and encourage all learners to recognize and reach their potential.

This school will be open to any and all middle school aged children who wish to remain here on island, rather than to attend the public or private schools on the mainland. This will be a tuition based school and they hope to defray the cost by accessing private grants and fundraising.

Ms. Lundgren's goal tonight was to inform the community of their intention and to obtain a letter of endorsement from the Island Council. (Please see the Motion in the 'Motion Section')

There were lots of questions from the community. There were several questions regarding teachers, their qualifications and administration for school. This list is not

comprehensive. I would ask anyone interested in this subject to speak with Ms. Lundgren directly.

Do you have Administration in place?

We are down to 2 candidates for principal.

We don't we use virtual school to bridge the gap?

This just doesn't work for the majority of students.

Is this a charter school?

No, this is a private school. There will not be certified teachers and all staff will be part time. We are opening as an independent school.

Where is the location?

The Island House in Melrose. We are currently working with Whitestone

Will there be testing to confirm a student's progress?

Yes, there will be testing to confirm progress. We will be working towards accreditation.

How much is tuition?

\$5,000 per year.

Committee Reports

Parks – No report

Ferry – No report

Roads –

The road in front of the Fire Station will be patched this summer.

Codes - No report

Communication – Kade is working with Matt Marzaile in conjunction with Cathie Moore and Beth McIntyre to get the website up and running.

Tourism and Beach -

Beach cleanup Saturday the 29th

Election Process & Bylaws – No report

Public Discussion – 3 minutes per person.

Ferry –

Brian Dozier - I don't have a solution but I have looked at the history of the ferry system across the US. They have evolved from the situation that we are encountering right now. There should be state and federal funding for the ferry service. A

discussion took place regarding Henry Criss and his role to develop a long range plan of a regional ferry service in conjunction with BC. The ferry service that is being proposed would run from Savannah to Beaufort.

Martha Hutton –

There have been at least 2 studies done to look into a ferry service for the island and what that might look like.

Cathy Miller –

Many of the ideas shared would be good to compile and present to the county. I would like to volunteer for the Ferry Committee

Ashley Hollingsworth -

Does anyone have information on the tourist boat that was purchased through Melrose? I have heard that they will be using Hilton Head Harbor on the other side.

Motions:

Motion for Board Support for the Middle School Project –

Motion was presented (as per the agenda) and seconded.

All those in favor?

McIntyre - yea

Moran - yea

Schartner - yea

Yarborough – yea

Motion is passed.

Motion for a text amendment to the Code for container accessory storage units.

Motion was presented (as per the agenda) and seconded.

All those in favor?

McIntyre - yea

Moran - yea

Schartner - yea

Yarborough – yea

Motion is passed

From: Daufuskie Island Council

To: Beaufort County Planning Department

Re: Requested text amendment Community Development Standards, Div 4.2, 20.E “Standards for free-standing accessory buildings and structures”

The Daufuskie Island Council finds that a well-maintained shipping container is appropriate storage for tools, equipment, electrical generators and hurricane recovery supplies in a remote, hostile maritime environment. A shipping container is water-proof, wind-proof, rodent-proof, burglar-proof and is resistant to falling or wind-driven storm debris.

The Daufuskie Island Council hereby requests a change in the above referenced code to read:

“Semi-trailers may not be used as accessory structures and shipping containers must be incorporated into a larger structure or otherwise hidden from public view by either privacy fencing or a natural or planted herbaceous buffer.”

STR New Recommendation

A New Motion, not part of the agenda, was presented by Kade Yarborough, in an effort to change the previous recommendation regarding STRs for CUP instead of SUP. Only 4 of the Council was present of the 7 current members. The motion was voted on and 3 of the 4 members present voted in favor of the motion.

After discussion with BC, it was stated that the original recommendation of the DIC in December 2022 was already in process and no further action was needed by the DIC. SUP is the standard for STRs across the unincorporated areas of BC. The County will have the final determination regarding any new Code for STRs.

Adjourned