

June 20, 2023
5:30 PM
DIFD, 400 Haig Point Road

Leanne Coulter, Beth McIntyre, Cathie Moore, Taylor Moran, Roger Pinckney,
John Schartner, Kade Yarborough,

Call to order -

Pledge -

Remarks from the Chair

Announcements -

Middle School Fundraiser
Summer Camp Tuesdays and Fridays.
Bingo at youth ministry on Wednesdays.

Friday June 23, 2023, 6:00 PM

There will be an auction, Low Country Boil and BBQ by J&J at the Melrose Beach Club for a fundraiser for the Middle School. Auction items range from island services to adventure experiences, history and artisan tours, food items, accommodations, Golf Cart rentals, Lancey Burns pottery, Pictures, paintings, alcohol and jewelry.

If you would like to make donations please visit: DIIS-SC.org.

Committee Reports -

Parks - Eric Larsen has been asked for updates and timeframes regarding the park amenities. There will be 2 dog parks. A backstop will be added to the ballfield. Water/electric is being run. Trash at the park is overflowing. Greg Hutton should be contacted regarding the situation.

Ferry - The fence placed along the side of Melrose Landing Road was unpermitted according to Code Enforcement. Our job as the council is protect the access to the ferry landing. To ensure that access is granted to all islanders and not impeded in any way.

Roads -

Road Grader

The road grader has been partially repaired but is still not working. We would like to thank the residents who took it upon themselves to decorate the grader.

Prospect Rd.

There is still no court date set for the hearing on Prospect Rd.

There was public inquiry regarding the Public access to the river through Bloody Point. The public would like to see some sort of launch to the river so that you do not need to scale the rocks to get to the water.

Easements

The county is looking into the access and easements that may be impeded by the unpermitted fencing running alongside the Melrose Ferry Landing Rd.

Rocking the Roads

Four and a half years ago, the Roads Committee met with the County Engineer and we were shocked to learn that pavement was coming to Prospect, School, and Beach. At that time they told the county that there should be no more pavement added to the island. The county then said that an alternative would be a macadam surface like Rice Road in Beaufort and suggested that islanders take a look at that road.

Since Prospect Rd is still involved in a legal suit, they removed that road from the resurfacing schedule. Frances Jones was added in its place since the materials will be staged there and the amount of equipment and rock that will be traversed over that road will ensure that the road will need to be done.

The process for laying the new surface involves digging out the road and placing aggregate in successive smaller sizes as the road is filled in until a fine gravel is placed on top. This should provide a porous surface and help with drainage.

The road width will be determined as the process moves forth. If the roads were to be paved, they would be made much larger than the current plan. The tree canopy will not be affected. The drainage on the sides of the roads will not be included in the plan.

The use of shell for the resurfacing has been raised. However, this is cost prohibitive although historically correct. There are discussions underway to add

shell to a section of Prospect Rd in an effort to show what the historic road surface would have looked like.

Some questions/answers/comments:

1. The duration of the rocking is to start in October and be finalized by Christmas
2. Are they going to pave Haig Point Rd? Next year, 2024
3. Why aren't the Rivers family doing the roads?
The Rivers Family did not bid on the road.
4. We should post a picture of the road and the process of
5. We should invite the County engineers to come speak.
6. Will there be leftover granite for maintenance?
There should be enough for maintenance.
7. Who owns the dirt on the road?
8. Could the dirt that is dug out of the road bed be used for other roads?
Maybe the excess could be used for other roads.

Codes -

No meeting due to lack of quorum
July 24, 2023

Communication -

Tourism and Beach - Patrick Ford put the sign back up at the beach.

Notices of Appreciation:

For helping to patch Oakridge Lane and Oakridge Avenue.

Patrick Ford, David Pulcini, Matt Keller, Mike Loftus, Tom Peth, Steve Swanberg,
Bill Farrah, Jeff Grunninger

R. Dulaney donated the rock.

Pete Lang provided the pavement patches.

For spearheading the project to fix the pavilion.

Matt Keller

Public Discussion – 3 minutes per person.

Community Posting Board

A new board has been ordered twice and has come backless both times which makes it unsuitable for outside use. This would be an excellent Eagle Scout project.

Kenneth Badgett –

He is the Asset Manager for Whitestone. With the new middle school being planned for the Island House the timetable for renovating the Island House project has been moved up from the previous timeframe of 2025.

Community Foundation

The Community Foundation was established as the fundraising arm for the DIC. They also help with other projects around the island. Would it be possible to get a grant for fixing up the park at the County dock?

Ron Angle –

I had a cart rental stall for many years and have found a new location on a piece of property that runs alongside of Melrose Landing Rd. I left for the mainland one night and a fence was erected at night during a rainstorm to keep me from accessing the ferry landing. I was served with papers to keep me from accessing the landing except for personal use. I went to court and a temporary restraining order was issued. I hope to continue to have conversations with Whitestone to resolve this dispute

Martha Hutton –

Please do not dissolve the Council.

Adjourned