



COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT TASK FORCE
9:00am, Thursday, August 22, 2024
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

Present: David McNair (facilitator), Susan Smith, Patsy Hindman, Linda Tucker, Maryanne Chalmers, Bev Miller, Paige Grimball, Bill Skeen (via Zoom), Rod Turnage, Ben Marks, Hugh Swingle, Sara Vega

Absent: Alex Stone, Joe Ready

Staff Present: PR Officer Yudchenko

Mr. McNair asked each working group to update the Task Force on their work. Mr. Turnage said the Seasonal Visitation to Parking & Traffic: Infrastructure and Capacity group has most of its needed data collected and will be meeting soon to format their presentation.

Ms. Smith said the Environmental group has decided to use the City's mission statement from the Strategic Plan as their own mission statement. They have organized their recommendations into areas of concern/focus.

Ms. Chalmers reported that the Safety group has also divided their recommendations into four areas of concern and have overall purpose statements for each area. They are still working on getting supporting data. They intend to offer a draft of their work to Chief Cornett and Chief Oliverius, seeking their feedback before finalizing.

Ms. Chalmers also asked about feedback from the City about the final document having an interactive and dynamic presence on the City's website. She is also looking for information that addresses how similar communities handle the influx of seasonal visitors.

Mr. McNair directed the Task Force to discuss the Quality of Life recommendations developed earlier in the year. The conversation centered on the enforcement around and communication with short-term rentals. Mr. Turnage shared information about the work of a subgroup of the IOP Chamber of Commerce, Family Vacation Rental Group, made up of island property managers who oversee 96% of the island's vacation rentals. Mr. Swingle noted that recent data shows more complaints to the Police Department about residents than renters.

Discussion continued around how to connect neighboring residents with property managers and ways to engage all visitors with the rules and expectations of the island. Mr. Turnage added that property managers would prefer to hear from residents about short-term rental concerns rather than the police.

Mayor Pounds and Mr. Skeen pointed out that a large portion of discussion seemed centered around a very low number of rental units not managed by property managers.

Mr. McNair asked Task Force members to help clarify the ideas generated in today's meeting. Mr. Swindle, Ms. Hindman, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Marks will work on the ideas related to enforcement around short-term rentals. Ms. Smith, Mr. Stone, Mr. Turnage, Mr. Skeen, Ms. Chalmers, and Ms. Grimball will shape the ideas associated with communication related to short-term rentals. Mr. McNair will collate and distribute the lists of ideas and send them to each group.

Mr. McNair said he would speak with Administrator Fragoso about sharing the work of the Task Force in two parts: the work of the subgroups in the fall, followed by quality of life recommendations at a later time. Task Force members agreed that the quality of life issues need more discussion. They would like for those discussions to be with the larger group and not as subgroups.

The subgroups will send drafts of their work to the larger Task Force ahead of the September 5 meeting. The next meetings will be at 9am on September 5 and September 12.

The meeting ended at 11:07am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk