



Steering Committee Meeting
James Island Town Hall
1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, SC

MINUTES
October 27, 2021
3:30PM – 4:30PM

- I. **Welcome** – Mayor Woolsey
Mayor Woolsey welcomed everyone.
- II. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Mayor Woolsey
Minutes from the August 25, 2021 Steering Committee meeting were approved unanimously.
- III. **Phase 1 Project Update** – Sheila Sororian
The right-of-way acquisition process has begun to include about 52 parcels; it will take approximately 1 year to complete. Previously, Steering Committee members offered to help facilitate the right-of-way process. It was requested that a list of the property owners, along with a script be provided. The project is expected to go out to bid by the end of 2022 with construction estimated for completion approximately one year later. It was clarified that SCDOT will maintain the concrete sidewalks and there is a separate maintenance agreement for the City of Charleston and the Town of James Island to maintain other “non-standard” aspects of the Phase 1 Project.

It was suggested that the Steering Committee should determine a Phase 2 Project. Various possibilities were briefly discussed; this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- IV. **Property and Business Owners’ Group Update – Toole Design**
The first meeting of the Property and Business Owners’ Group is scheduled for today, October 27, 2021 at 5:00PM at the James Island Town Hall. The goal of this meeting is to try to determine the best way to communicate with the property and business owners. A summary of the meeting will be provided in December.
- V. **Online Progress Tacking** – Toole Design
Toole Design is developing an online mapping tool to track Rethink Folly Road progress. It will be updated after each Steering Committee meeting and available for the public to access on the Rethink Folly Road website.
- VI. **Public Event Update** – Toole Design
We have accomplished, or are in the process of accomplishing, a number of public outreach strategies, including presenting at the Intergovernmental Council, establishing the Property and

Business Owners' Group, and developing the online progress tracking tool. There was consensus to focus resources on these targeted avenues for outreach and hold off on a public event for reconsideration in the spring 2022. There was interest in considering how to celebrate successes as they occur on individual properties; this will be discussed further at the December meeting.

VII. Jurisdictional Updates – Various

Brief updates regarding developments along Folly Road were provided from various jurisdictions.

City of Charleston – Jim Hemphill

- 1455 Folly Road – New self-storage facility. TRC pre-app was submitted, and they were informed of the Folly Road overlay with 12-foot multi-use path. They seemed receptive to the requirement.
- The City adopted its Comprehensive Plan last week.

City of Folly Beach – Katie Gerling

- No updates.

Charleston County – Niki Grimball

- County Council adopted unified development ordinance (UDO) that includes the 12-foot multi-use path requirement.

Town of James Island – Flannery Wood

- At the former fire station lot on Camp Road, near Folly Road, a request for commercial rezoning change was submitted for a home beer brewing business.

Additional Discussion

- It was requested that CARTA provide an overview of their beach shuttle services in relation to the potential for a similar shuttle to Folly Beach (i.e., the “Folly Trolley”).

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.