

WILPC MEETING MARCH 12, 2019

Attending Members: Bob Cox, Madge Hallett, Burrow Hill, April Long, Bertha Middleton, Mike Regan, Kevin Richbourg, Arthur Rivers, Leroy Robinson, Pam Skinner, Christ Sosnowski, John Taylor, Aaron White (13)

Estimated Audience: 65

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Richbourg at 7:00 p.m.
2. The invocation was given by Aaron White, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
3. The minutes for the February 2019 meeting were presented and accepted.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- A. Education: 9 failing schools in the county, St. John's HS is one of them and principal is still asking for volunteers to help the school succeed. There was a CCSD town hall meeting held March 11 regarding the 9 schools. SJHS is having its Mr. and Mrs. Pageant on Saturday, March 16. Admission is \$5 please come.
- B. Zoning: BZA request for setback, WILPC had a special meeting to oppose this and sent a letter. This has been deferred until April 1.

OCRM has scheduled public hearing regarding the oyster farm March 26 at Edisto Town Hall from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. The oyster farm would like to put 700 oyster cages over 7 acres of water.

If you would like to get an email from WILPC regarding issues that come up, as well as Community Center events please sign up for emails.

5 WILPC members attended the Charleston County zoning and planning workshop on March 11 regarding the Bolt Tree Houses. Most people were opposed.

Old Business:

1. Bolt Farm Tree Houses:

Mike Regan gave a summary of the history of the Bolt Farm Tree Houses PUD zoning request. He made the case against watering down of the Wadmalaw Plan. The Bolts initially said the property was for family and band use and no mention of business use. Existing zoning should be adequate for this use. Under the existing zoning they can't run a luxury tree house hotel and this is why they would like a PUD. Ag-15 doesn't allow commercial guest houses. Standard is enforced to keep this type of business from happening on Wadmalaw. PUD circumvents this. PUD continues with the land even if the owner leaves. Mike made a motion to oppose the PUD.

Comments from the audience were limited to 3 minutes and each person stated their name and address.

Tori Bolt

Tatiana Baccalt

Charlie Muir

Jessie Friewald

Thomas Heinrich

Lowcountry Land Trust

Coastal Conservation League (via Pam Skinner)

Scott Truesdale

Sean Ransford

Brian McKeown

Elizabeth Wenner

Sean Horn

Sarah Regan

There were 7 comments opposed to the PUD

There were 5 comments in support of the PUD

There was 1 comment from Lowcountry Land Trust regarding the timing of the potential conservation easement on the property. LLT does not like to do easements until zoning requests are completed.

After the comments were made, Mike Regan made a motion to oppose the PUD. It was seconded and the motion passed.

2. Mining Operation

We are still waiting on the applicant to finish the application for the mining operation on Bears Bluff Rd.

Bertha Middleton invited everyone to attend the Plantation Singers concert at the Community Center from 12-3 on Saturday, March 16.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Collected for WICC: \$200

Respectfully Submitted,

Madge Hallett