

WILPC MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Attending members: Bob Cox, Madge Hallett, Burrow Hill, April Long, Kevin Richbourg, Pam Skinner, Chris Sosnowski, John Taylor, Aaron White

Estimated audience: 25

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Richbourg at 7:05 p.m.

The October minutes were approved and amended to attach the letter from Charleston County Council Chairman, Elliot Summey.

Pam Skinner, zoning:

Pam gave an update on the Bolt PD and reported that Chairman Summey sent a letter to the Conservation Bank about preserving Wadmalaw in perpetuity after the County Council meeting.

Pam attended a meeting of the newly formed Sea Island Conservation Initiative. Several conservation groups and the Center for Heirs Property for John's Island and Wadmalaw attended. Bruce Binney from the Lowcountry Land Trust said that the group is in the beginning stages and will strategize about how to enhance protections for the islands. This will be proactive instead of re-active. Pam said that 38% of Wadmalaw Island is under conservation easement. There were supportive comments from the audience.

Bob Cox, WICC:

The Chili Cook Off will be on January 18. Pam Skinner also announced that the Mother Emmanuel Documentary will be shown at WICC on December 6 at 5:30 with Polly Shepherd, survivor in attendance. Light refreshments will be served.

Aaron White, Education:

School Board has proposed to eliminate the partial magnet program for 5th grade at Haut Gap. Community involvement is needed. There is a John's Island proposal for a new elementary school as well. They will vote on December 16. Charleston County Schools website has the academic records of the schools. It is a good program and has increased academics. Frierson Elementary students are supposed to feed directly into the magnet program. Aaron encouraged the community to attend the School Board meeting on November 18 or contact your representative.

Pam Skinner reported on the sand mine. She urged everyone to keep writing DHEC and engage our state officials. The mining act has not been updated since 1990. We need to stop the “fill and build”. The Bureau of Water had some questions about the mine. Keep checking wilpc.org for updates.

Kevin Richbourg announced vacancies on the WILPC. There will be an election of new members at the December meeting. Craig Cushing and Melinda Lucka Kelly put their names in for nomination. You have to be a resident or a property owner of Wadmalaw and embrace the mission of WILPC. **Burrow Hill** offered to take the job of secretary as Madge Hallett will be rotating off of the committee.

From the audience: Sandra Middleton reported that an oak tree fell on New St. James church’s graveyard. They couldn’t find who the owner of the tree was because everyone said that they were renters and she was concerned about the renting. Kevin said that if they weren’t short term rentals then it was probably fine.

Talk to the post office if you didn’t receive your Wadmalaw Newsletter. The next one will come out in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Total for WICC: \$65

Total for WICC to date for 2019: \$1,134

Respectfully submitted,

Madge Hallett
Secretary