

The scheduled meeting of the Beaufort County Development Review Team was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in the Executive Conference Room, the Beaufort County Administration Building at 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Hillary Austin, Zoning Administrator
Mr. Arthur Cummings, Building Codes Director
Ms. Delores Frazier, Assistant Planning Director
Mr. Robert Klink, County Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Mrs. Audra Antonacci, Codes Enforcement Supervisor
Mrs. Lisa Glover, Zoning Analyst III
Mr. Tim Ogden, Beaufort County Fire Marshall
Ms. Judy Timmer, CRB Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Austin called the meeting to order at approximately 11:04 a.m.

Ms. Austin explained, that the members of the Development Review Team reviewed each item independently and provided their comments to the Zoning Administrator.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Mr. Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (FOR: Austin, Cummings, Frazier).

3. DATAW ISLAND – CART/BICYLCLE PATH – PHASE 2 (TREE REMOVAL)

Ms. Frazier asked Ms. Christi Henry, “Are you removing six (6) specimen trees?”

Ms. Henry answered, “Yes”.

Ms. Frazier stated, that the applicant has an option to pay into the tree reforestation fund for the specimen trees, or mitigate with smaller non-specimen trees within the cart path right-of-way. Ms. Frazier stated, that if there are other trees within the right-of-way that is being preserved, lower than specimen tree size, the applicant can show on the plans the trees to be removed, along with the mitigation trees. The applicant has to be able to preserve the mitigation trees for the life of the project.

Mr. Klink arrived at the meeting at approximately 11:08 a.m.

Ms. Henry stated, that she’s okay with the recommendation to mitigate the trees. Ms. Henry stated, that she is proposing 78 trees to be removed, and anything in between the trees that are not subject for removal will be root pruned, which is approximately 1,950 linear feet; so all trees in between will be preserved.

Ms. Frazier stated, that the applicant shall designate on the site plan, the proposed trees to be removed and the mitigation trees, which states, that the mitigation trees will be preserved for the life of the project.

Ms. Henry asked Ms. Frazier, “Is there any type of footage, away from the mitigated tree?”

Ms. Frazier stated, that the mitigation trees should be anywhere around the cart path area/easement, because the county cannot require an adjoining property owner on a private lot to protect these trees. Ms. Frazier stated, that the mitigation trees should be inch per inch; the applicant shall show the size and species of the mitigation trees.

MOTION: Ms. Frazier made a motion to approve the project, subject to the applicant mitigating smaller trees within the cart path area/easement, and to preserve the mitigation trees for the life of the project. The applicant shall show on the site plan, the proposed tree removal and the mitigation trees. The applicant shall also show the size and species of the mitigation trees. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (FOR: Austin, Cummings, Frazier, Klink).

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:11 a.m.