

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**Beaufort County Planning Commission** 

FROM:

Anthony Criscitiello, Beaufort County Director of Planning & Development

**DATE:** 

February 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** 

Daufuskie Island Sustainable Planning Team (SPT) Nominations

The following five people are nominated as the Daufuskie Island Sustainable Planning Team (SPT). The key qualifications for membership included strong knowledgeable persons with a background in building and design, including sustainable design.

The SPT, when called upon by the Beaufort County Planning Director, shall convene in order to review applications meeting certain prerequisites. Staff will convey the specific reason for calling the meeting and outline the issues to be discussed. The SPT shall provide the Planning Director with local input regarding the appropriateness of the proposal. Factors used to determine appropriateness include, but are not limited to location, context, form (intensity and character), architecture, style, historical context, function, materials, and sustainable applications.

# 1. Ms. Cathy Tillman - Creative Problem Solving Facilitator

Ms. Tillman has resided in the Maryfield neighborhood of Daufuskie Island for over 10 years. Cathy has been a member of the Daufuskie Island Community Preservation Committee since its formation; serving as Chair during the 2.5 years in which the Plan and Form Based Code were drafted. Cathy is a long time educator. She previously served as the Residential Market Research Manager for Mobil Land Development Corporation in Atlanta, GA. In February 2011, Cathy was invited to attend the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Charlotte, NC, where she led a spirited discussion about the benefits of a form based code in a rural, coastal community.

#### 2. Mr. Tom Crews, AIA - Architect

Mr. Crews has owned property on Daufuskie Island for over 20 years, and served on the Daufuskie Island Community Preservation Committee since its formation. Tom is the resident architect in charge of restoring and completing Frank Lloyd Wright's Auldbrass Plantation. In his professional duties as an architect, Tom has been asked to draft architectural guidelines for several private Architectural Review Boards (ARBs). Tom has served on the Town of Hilton Head Island Design Review Board, as well as numerous private ARBs. Currently, Tom serves on the Hilton Head Island Planning Commission; and has been instrumental in educating others about the benefits of the Form Based Code.

## 3. Mr. Fred H. Ludtke, AIA - Architect, Preservationist

Mr. Ludtke is a licensed, practicing architect who has lived full-time on Daufuskie Island for 20 years. Fred has designed over 50 properties in a variety of Island settings, including neighborhoods in Haig Point, Melrose, Bloody Point, and the former CP District. Fred designed the Beaufort County Fire Station on Daufuskie Island.

### 4. Ms. Karen Montgomery - Designer

Ms. Montgomery is a long time resident of Daufuskie Island with an extensive design background, including fine arts (realistic portrait and landscape artist), applied arts (gardening and knitting) and three dimensional design (residential and small commercial design). As such, Karen has designed numerous residential buildings in a variety of Island neighborhoods, including neighborhoods in Haig Point, Melrose, Bloody Point, and the former CP District. More recently, Karen has designed a series of informational kiosks and restrooms for the public beach. Karen was an inaugural member of the Daufuskie Island Council, a member of the Daufuskie Island Conservancy, co-founder of the Daufuskie Island Marketing Organization, and an advocate for a Lowcountry Regional Transportation System.

#### 5. Mr. Jack Anderson - Master Craftman

Having grown up on nearby Tybee Island, Mr. Anderson is a long time visitor to Daufuskie. In order to restore and repair the house that he was growing up in, Jack started studying carpentry at a young age. The house had served as the mess hall for Fort Screven, a fort on the north end of Tybee Island. It is now a museum. As a young carpenter living in Columbia Jack worked for a church builder. After 12 years Jack established himself as a custom builder, a career that he maintained for 24 years. In 2006 Jack moved back to Daufuskie Island and opened an art gallery. As a builder and master craftsman Jack has worked on numerous Island projects. These include both new buildings and restorations. His work can literally be seen all over the Island, including the Jane Hamilton School, the Maryfield School, the Mount Carmel Church (Museum), and many others. Jack has studied the techniques of the Gullah carpenter, Sam Holmes, who was responsible for most of the Gullah residences on Daufuskie Island.

Please note that efforts have been made to locate a "native" member for the SPT. There are now less than 12 native black families residing on the Island. There are approximately two to five families that have expressed an interest in returning to the Island, but the current ferry situation makes this difficult. The search will continue; and, if successful, he or she will be added to the SPT.

Also, realtors were considered for the SPT; however, they are on the Daufuskie Island Council and are more effective there since the Council is dedicated to policy issues such as transfer of development rights (TDRs), housing, ferry, preservation, economy, etc.