



**Town of Hilton Head Island
Circle to Circle Committee**

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**
Public notification of this meeting has been published and posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2016 Meeting**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
- 6. New Business**
 - A. Summary of Community Forum Series
 - B. Preparation and Discussion of Planning Commission Presentation
 - C. Timeline to deliver Final Presentation and Report to Town Council
- 7. Appearance by Citizens**
- 8. Meeting Summary and Topics for Next Meeting**
- 9. Adjournment**

Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four or more of their members attend this meeting.

Circle to Circle Committee - Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall

Circle to Circle Committee Members present:	Jim Gant (Chairman), Jack Daly, David Ames, David Bachelder, Judd Carstens, Kyle Theodore, Tom Sharp, Carlton Dallas, Mike Thomas, Leslie Richardson, Paul Crunkleton
Town Staff present:	Charles Cousins, Shawn Colin, Melissa Cope, Eileen Wilson
Via phone	Glenn Walters – Design Workshop Consulting

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gant called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance

The Town has met all Freedom of Information Act requirements for this meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the Committee.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 11, 2016 were approved as presented.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

A. Preparation and Discussion of Community Forum Content and Process

The Committee confirmed the location and schedule for community forums to be held June 1-2 as follows:

Shipyard Plantation Beach House	8:30 AM	June 1
Town Hall - Racusin Council Chambers	2:00 PM	June 1
Forest Beach - Coligny Theater	7:00 PM	June 1
Sea Pines CSA Community Center	3:30 PM	June 2

The Town Hall session will also be broadcast on the Beaufort County TV Channel.

Chairman Gant reviewed the introductory and closing exhibits that he will use during the community forums. The introduction includes the charter of the Committee, community feedback and suggestions from the May 2015 community forums, external factors affecting Hilton Head Island, and a summary of the data the Committee used in its deliberations. Closing comments following Design Workshop's presentation of

solution concepts and design, summarizes the Committee's conclusions on steps to mitigate traffic, address parking concerns, expand trail system and policy changes that should be considered by the Town.

The Committee reviewed and made small modifications to the questions that will be used by Design Workshop as part of the forum presentations. Questions will be answered using touch keypads with results immediately tabulated and shown to attendees. The purpose of the approximately 20 questions is to get community opinion of the options and conclusions reached by the Committee. A copy of the edited questions is included with these minutes.

7. Appearance by Citizens

Mr. Ted Weitzner, resident of North Forest Beach read from a prepared statement that states the citizens, residents and owners of property in North Forest Beach request that the 4.5 acres of property that is referred to as “The Forest at North Forest Beach” which is currently protected by the Town of Hilton Head Island from development remain “as is”. He stated that any type of development of the Forest would diminish the value of our real property and change the character of our neighborhood. A copy of this letter is attached to the minutes.

Mr. David Henderson, CSA in Sea Pines, stated the near term objective of building a new road connecting Cordillo to Office Park, the existing issue of pedestrian and bike crossing issues there, the proposed potential new pathways for that area, the issue of the back up that currently exists in that quadrant of Greenwood Drive to Sea Pines Circle and the mid-term and long-term possibility of the north west connector and the USCB campus I would suggest that an evaluation of the intersection overall of Office Park and Greenwood Drive be moved to your near term considerations.

Mr. Frank Babel stated there has been a massive change in bicycling in this community in the last ten years; it is one of the drivers of change – not just traffic – it is the amount of bikers here and they all wind up at Coligny at some point. This massive change in biking needs to be accommodated. This whole thing needs to be bike and pedestrian friendly but this has evolved into a more car centric solution. Bike trails are given a consideration in # 13 yet there is no question that says “what do we do about bike parking? Bike parking is an issue that has to be addressed. A question that should be put to the public is do we separate bike and pedestrian traffic? I suggest # 13 to add those two. Complete Street should be added as a policy issue. Mr Frank Babel, spoke on the importance of biking on the island with a total of 25,000 bikes available for rent, driving the need for more bike parking, particularly at Coligny Beach, and the need to separate bike and pedestrian traffic using Complete Streets concepts

Ms. Sally Warren, General Manager of Shipyard requested there be an opportunity for the public to make comments at the end of the community forum.

Mr. Gant replied that comment cards will be distributed and that the amount of information that needs to be covered, it would be difficult to allow public comment in the timeframe allocated.

Mr. George Townes, resident of North Forest Beach stated he endorses the comments made by Mr. Weitzner about The Forest and any other use on that site would be undesirable. The bike paths and pedestrian paths have become motorized options for golf carts and segways. The Town and this Committee could recommend that the pathways be manual only. Mr. Townes stated he would be opposed to a pathway on the beach side of North Forest Beach.

Mr. Stu Rodman stated the removal of vegetation at Greenwood is going very well and suggested having the other three intersection complete immediately prior to tourists arriving. He commented that an option for parking fees at Coligny beach parking might be to permit free parking for a limited time period after which there would be a parking charge. Given the importance of managing congestion in the Circle, he recommended measuring traffic every year instead of every 5 years.

Ms. Mary Dickson, resident of Shipyard inquired about a possible parallel road next to Pope Avenue that involves Shipyard. Mr. Gant replied that conceptually the consultants have identified potential parallel roads to ease pressure on Pope Avenue. It is noted that Shipyard is opposed and in conclusion the Town would work with Shipyard to see if it is feasible.

8. Meeting Summary and Topics for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Gant adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Meeting date: May 18, 2016

Approved:

Chairman: _____
Jim Gant

Submitted by: Eileen Wilson