

Sewee to Santee Summit: Planning Committee Meeting

April 7, 2010

2- 4 pm

Awendaw Town Hall

- (1) Introduction and Review of Assignments for Subcommittees
- (2) On request, Sam Campbell described that his group , Citizens of District 1, represent the unincorporated areas and communities of the Sewee to Santee Region
- (3) Next meeting date is set as April 28th at Awendaw Town Hall from 2 to 4 pm
- (4) Subcommittee reports:
 - A. Cultural & Historic Resource Report: Presented by Jennie Stevens
 - Please refer to handout attached
 - The group subdivided the categories and realized that the information is McClellanville heavy and need more info on Awendaw area churches and cemeteries.
 - Only found one national register shell mound. (There is a shell ring in the national forest that is off of Doar road.)
 - The subcommittee requested written materials that will go with all listed sites
 - Gullah Geechee corridor: provided a map thereof.
 - Sweetgrass baskets: **Need to contact Thomasena Stokes Marshall; also need to contact Executive Director of the Sweetgrass basket Society**: The Society recvd greenbelt funds for a center for Sweetgrass near McCville
 - Plantations: Contact Chevis Leland re: plantations
 - Ricefields: Sam Campbell gave description of the history
 - Lighthouses:
 - **NEED MORE INFO ON CIVIL WAY SITES: CONTACT FOREST SERVICE CULTURAL RESOURCE CONTACT**
 - **NATIVE POPULATION: look to Walter Edgar's The History of South Carolina**
 - Names of settlement areas: **NEED A LIST OF ALL**

- Slavery: Reaffirm or establish the roots of slavery and how that effects settlement areas.
- Noel requested that the we affirm the significance of the Gullah Geechee corridor: Designed to protect the African American heritage in that corridor.

B. Human Resource Report: Presented by Tammie Hoy

- Please refer to attached power point
- One challenge is that the data sets used are old: 2000 census...are there other more current data sets?
- Did look at needs as well as values.
- Committee did not have data for condition of housing
- Younger population is declining while older is increasing
- Types of home: high home ownership (this includes mobile homes)
- Employment: Should we compare to elsewhere in state/county?
- Average commute time: 36 minutes
- Very small percentage of employment is fishing and farming: indicates that vast majority jobs are else where in the county/region
- Is there a way to find out whether folks are working from home?
- Is there a way to separate the data that illustrates the vast differences b/t MCville and other areas
- Schools: dire need of additional assistance : an effort to convert Archibald into a magnet that serves community
- Add the public schools ratings
- What % of the children in area go to school in the area? Who is going where?
- Dwindling enrollment
- Did value opportunities

C. Infrastructure Subcommittee: Presented by Christianne Ferrell

- Please refer to attached powerpoint
- Church Jarmin has the data on drainage system for the region.

- Roads: When mapping, we will just need main roads that are part of the main system...not all private dirt roads.
- An additional park was purchased by PRC in county near McClellanville
- Issue of under utilization: one way to do increase park use is to work with schools to establish park facilities that will be used.
- Seek ways to advantage of the boaters going south/north on ICW:
- Where can we get the usage data on ICW traffic? Check Ben Sawyer bridge
- Include police/fire: Concerns for levels of service: GET RATINGS
- Large % of homes in MCClellanville are second homes so not owner occupied.
- Clay Duffie presented water and wastewater status in region. (get maps from Clay)
- SEPTIC review: Look to Septic Study Group Report: not affordable to do regional sewer. Look at septic tank maintenance program: in some cases small community centralized system may make sense.
- MPW provides water and wastewater to Birds of Prey and Paradise Island
- MPW water service area goes to Santee River: public does have access to water dispense stations: Get locations
- 319 Grant and county grants to fix failing septic systems
- Awendaw has a water system that currently serves 22 homes w/ approximately 18 miles on lines (get map)
- Jack Villapanteux of BEC presented electricity/power status: GET MAP : Red show area SCEG ; service area green is BEC:
- BEC electric lines in planning area: Get Map
- Transmission lines: Trying to bring transmission from the Georgetown area : need more power to provide more reliable to existing and accommodate new growth.
- Broadband: what is the status and/or problem?

5. Noel's presentation on potential relocation of Town center for region: (GET MAP)