



LIBPA: The Community Voice of Lady's Island

July 7 2018 Newsletter

MEETING: 10 July, 8am, Guest speaker: James P. Atkins, Beaufort Aviation Association

Your Presenters:



James Atkins: Licensed Airline Transport Pilot, former Marine Corps jet pilot, hangar tenant at Beaufort Aviation Association.

Amanda Burgin: Licensed Airline Transport Pilot, Flight and Ground Instructor, Financial Advisor, Member, Beaufort Aviation Association.

Jean L.M. Sulc: Licensed Private Pilot, former Washington DC Corporate lobbyist, former CIA staff, Past President, Beaufort Republican Women's Club, Member, Beaufort Aviation Association.

Improvement of the Airport will help you

Beaufort County Airport can create more middle income and higher paying jobs, more businesses, more home sales, greater tax revenue, more and higher paying tourism, and more visitors to Penn Center and the Reconstruction Era Monument.

Chamber of Commerce, lodging and restaurant operators, realtors, builders, USCB, and TCL can create a Public-Private Part-nership with City, Town and County leaders.

Even MCAS Beaufort's longevity is assisted by a thriving Beaufort airport. Everyone benefits from Beaufort County Airport improvements and the airport will be here forever to serve businesses, UCSB, TCL and the aviation community.

They have been asked to address the following:

- 1. How is the association structured? Who makes up their board?**
- 2. Where does the funding come from for improvements to the airport?**
- 3. How does the Association foresee the airport creating more middle income and higher paying jobs? Can they elaborate?**

Meeting:

Beaufort County Realtors Headquarters
22 Kemmerlin Lane
Palmetto Business Park
Lady's Island Drive
Open to the Public!

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION: Travel on Lady's Island Drive to BB&T Bank, follow the road to the right of the bank into Palmetto Business Park. The meeting is to be conducted in the second building on the right. Parking will be available in the special parking lot in the open field directly in front of the Realtor's Association building.

Message From The President:



There have been many changes to Lady's Island in recent years, some welcomed and some causing concern and frustration, depending upon your point of view. It's clear that more needs to be done to plan for the future of Lady's Island and to help direct growth and change in positive directions. The Sea Island Corridor Coalition began the process with their report:

"Designing Lady's Island" developed with public input and can be viewed at:

<http://www.designingladysisland.com/about/>

Recognizing that there was a need for additional analysis of the needs of Lady's Island, a project was conceived of and paid for by the County and drew rapid support from all the participating entities and prioritization of projects based upon input from citizens is key.

This group of City, County, Citizens and local interest groups meets every other week to discuss and help to develop plans for the future of Lady's Island:

ladysislandplan.wordpress.com/ Unique in its composition, the group consists of representatives of County, Beaufort City, and Port Royal planning departments, Lady's Island Business and Professional Organization, Sea Island Corridor Coalition, Lady's Island Community Preservation, a local Contractor, County Schools, and other County officials.

Greg Dale of McBride Dale Associates is leading the effort, with Chair Bob Semmler focusing the direction and objectives for the team.

Committee members are:

Robert Semmler, Chair | *Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan Implementation Committee*

Judy Alling | *Metropolitan Planning Commission, Port Royal*

Paul Butare | *Lady's Island Business Professionals Association (LIBPA)*

Carol Crutchfield | *Beaufort County School District*

Bill Harris | *Metropolitan Planning Commission, City of Beaufort*

Caroline Fermin | *Beaufort County Planning Commission*

Chuck Newton | *Sea Island Corridor Coalition*

Allen Patterson | *Lady's Island Community Preservation Committee*

Kate Schaefer | *Coastal Conservation League*

James Watson | *St. Helena Island Representative*

The first order of business was a thorough review of prior studies, some going back more than ten years, to maximize the use of existing information and to eliminate re-doing work already done. Three examples of this are the Sea Island Corridor Coalition/and South Carolina Coastal Conservation plan "Designing Lady's Island", the Stantec transportation study, and the City and County Master plans.

The Stantec study recommends seven specific projects designed to improve traffic flow with expected growth over the next twenty years. These projects are not yet funded, but would be allocated a portion of the "penny sales tax" increase for infrastructure being proposed on the November ballot.

Stantec Study Link: <https://ladysislandplan.files.wordpress.com/2018/01/ladysisland-traffic-study-final-report-5-19-17.pdf>

A review was made of current land uses, and an "inventory" of potential new construction. This resulted in documenting that there is a potential nearly 9000 new homes that could be built on Lady's Island under existing regulations and zoning and nearly two million square feet of commercial development is possible. These numbers showed the significant potential for further growth and the even greater importance of planning, zoning and transportation planning in the next several years.

Traffic information was reviewed focusing primarily on the Stantec Traffic study, which was completed and approved in 2017

Materials regarding a third bridge were reviewed, and the committee agreed with prior recommendations, that at this time, the third bridge would not solve current traffic issues, and could increase growth concerns in the northern part of Lady's Island. Further actions on this issue are within the scope of SC Department of Transportation, City and County officials and are beyond the scope of this committee.

The collected and developed information has been presented at two public meetings as well as eliciting feedback from our residents via meetings and online surveys.

Message From The President:

The committee concluded that there is wide concern and interest by the residents of Lady's Island in these major areas:

- Protecting the culture and "sense of place" of Lady's Island
- Protecting the environment
- Supporting "smart development"
- Dealing with current and future traffic
- Concern about being represented in the various decisions undertaken
- Taking infrastructure limits into consideration for future development

The Lady's Island Future Planning Committee is very interested in fostering resident participation, input and comment throughout this process. This will be accomplished via ongoing surveys and periodic public meetings. You may also make your feelings known through email to:

What else can you do to help?

- Reach out to your representatives and make your positions and concerns known

City Council

County Council

Metropolitan Planning

Community Preservation Committee

LIBPA (Lady's Island Business and Professional Association)

Sea Island Corridor Coalition

Concerned Citizens of Lady's Island (Facebook)

State Representatives

County Representatives

City Planners

County Planners

- Participate in the current upcoming surveys
- Attend the upcoming public meetings and provide much needed input.

The Committee intends to keep you informed by reporting progress through email, Facebook and newsletters. Current information is always available at:

<https://ladysislandplan.wordpress.com>

The Committee and our consultants intend to publish a strategy document for the development of Lady's Island with specific recommendations by the end of summer, 2018.

Lady's Island has changed and will continue to change. Our objective is to help direct this growth in directions that are consistent with maintaining the beauty, environment and special place we call home.

Featured Restaurant:



The Tavern was created in 2015 with the renovations of the Lady's Island Country Club clubhouse. Built in the 1960's as Royal Pines Country Club the "tired" facility was redesigned to create an open and friendly atmosphere serving low country specialties and good ole down home cooking with a neighborhood feel and a great place to meet friends and family whether it be for lunch, casual dinner, a round of golf, or your favorite beverage.

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We are also available to cater or host your next event. Drop in and visit us today.

How about a family gathering, office retreat, or a fund raising event combining a championship yet player friendly lay out at LICC with lunch before or a buffet after at The Tavern? Five sets of tees with few forced carries makes golf fun for all levels of play, so stop in and give us your thoughts. <http://www.thetaverninroyalpines.com/>

Walmart Island Shops:



1 Supercuts, 2. Nail Salon, 3 Glamor Beauty, 4. Beverage Warehouse, 9 Budget Blinds, Jersey Mikes (location unknown)

Work Begins At Whitehall:

Initial work on the Whitehall site will begin today - June 21- according to the developer, Sam Levin. Undergrowth clearing will be the first step, followed by staking out of road centerlines and lots. This process will enable road boundaries and lot lines to be adjusted to work around trees and other obstacles.

Michael Murphy, the developer's arborist, will also be at work during this period, for the most part taking care of healthy trees with fertilization, minor pruning and the like. These are important steps to ensure the success of healthy trees for the long term - and in the event of hurricanes and storms. No tree removal will be undertaken at this time.

New Businesses:



9 Sams Point Road

Hours 8am - 9pm

136 Sea Island Parkway

Monday - Saturday

10am - 6pm



OLE TIMEY MEATS

www.oletimeymeats.com



**81 Sea Island Parkway,
Suite 4**

Tuesday - Saturday

11am - 6pm

Some information was obtained from the following sources:

[Lady's Island Plan](#)

[Sea Island Coalition](#)

If you have an article you would like published in the newsletter, please send it to the thewebguy@earthlink.net



Each year the Lady's Island Business and Professional Association extends a special invitation for membership to the residents and businesses on Lady's Island. You are eligible to be a member if you live on Lady's Island, work on Lady's Island or simply care about the future of Lady's Island. You should consider membership if you desire to stay informed about what is happening or going to

happen on our island and want to have a voice in the direction our community is going. Visit our [website](#) for your membership application.

