

KIAWAH ISLAND TALK

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\$200,000 for Road Study

The Town has agreed to relinquish temporarily \$200,000 in county funds which were available for use in Kiawah Island Parkway improvements so a study can be made to establish a route and cost of the proposed roadway across Johns Island. At the September 1 Town Council meeting, Council Member Al Burnaford said the study would “give facts not emotional issues.” The study is necessary so Town Council “can go forward.” he said. The money will be used only for this study.

Council Member Steve Orban made a motion “The Town agrees not to apply to Charleston County for up to \$200,000 of the monies Charleston County has appropriated to assist the Town of Kiawah for construction of the Kiawah Island Parkway/Bike Path improvements. These monies shall be used to pay for consulting services which will determine alignment and estimated costs for the proposed Sea Island Greenway. Should the County Council vote not to proceed with this study, then the above monies will be requested for the Parkway Construction by the Town of Kiawah as originally appropriated.” Burnaford seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously in favor.

Council Member Charlie Lipuma asked if the Town had any plans to ask Seabrook Island or KICA to participate inancially. Burnaford said he had asked Seabrook Island Town Council as well as its Property Owners Association. They have contributed their time and efforts to help move the roadway concept forward. Lipuma wanted Paul Roberts, KICA Chairman and Burnaford who have been working on the roadway, to know he felt “some-one has to set some criteria and review.” He said he

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Parcel 23 – A Rebirth

Photos by Betty Walker

Kiawah Development Partners (KDP/KRA) has been approached by an owner of multiple properties on Kiawah and is a developer of properties elsewhere, to purchase 12 of the 15 acres (including approximately three acres of marsh) on the corner of Governor’s Drive and Rhett’s Bluff Road formerly known as Parcel #23. The remaining three acres of high ground in the parcel would be retained by KDP and might become a conservation easement. At a referendum of all property owners in December 2008, the opportunity to purchase the entire property from KDP for \$13 million was turned down. Property owners appeared approximately 40 strong to ask questions before and after the September 8 KICA Board presentation.

The price for the entire piece was not announced; nor has the contract between the multiple property owner and KDP been signed (as of the September 8 KICA Board meeting).

The potential purchaser’s initial offer to KICA was \$3 million for three acres or one-third of her high ground purchase. One-half share of the cost of a pump station (\$250,000) and waiver of the Contributions to Reserve (CTR) were also part of the offer. *[Ed. Note: CTRs are the .5% of each sale and resale of property which is collected by KICA.]* The Board members were concerned about the cost and said the price would have to be negotiated for them to be interested. The potential purchaser plans to subdivide the section of +/- 9 acres into 10 lots with LEED certified homes on each lot—the gold

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Don't miss KPOG's Semi-annual Meeting October 10, 9:00 a.m. at Turtle Point Clubhouse. Special speakers will be SC Representative Leon Stavrinakis, County Council Representative Paul Thurmond and SC Senate Judiciary Committee senior attorney Paula Benson discussing S30, the Community Association bill before the SC Legislature. There will be a Q/A period following each speaker.