

Kiawah Island

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Board Assembles Team of Amenity Experts



The community association has secured several experts in the areas of traffic engineering, environmental planning and legal considerations relating to amenities proposals.

The board listened carefully to your survey responses and as a result decided to develop proposals to upgrade the existing pool, beach and fitness experiences. This effort is a continuation of a multi-year focus on amenities and will result in the membership voting on whether it wants to make the proposed improvements.

While initially considering a member vote in conjunction with the March annual meeting, the board is committed to taking the time necessary to assure a well researched approach. The present timetable anticipates plans being shared in early spring, with a member vote following soon thereafter.

As previously reported, Mark Permar has been engaged as lead planning consultant. His nearly 40 years of experience as a land planner on Kiawah and detailed knowledge of our community has proven invaluable. In addition to Mark, subject matter experts have been engaged to advise the board on traffic, environmental, and legal considerations.

The Toole Design Group, a nationally known traffic, engineering and planning firm has been retained as traffic consultant. With offices throughout the country, Toole specializes in multi-modal transportation,

focusing on both vehicular and pedestrian travel. Given the importance of leisure trails and our membership's active lifestyle, Toole's multi modal experience is key to the analysis.

To advise on environmental considerations, KICA has retained Folk Land Management, a team of foresters, biologists and technicians that have consulted land owners for the last 26 years on wildlife management practices and the enhancement of ecological diversity. They will evaluate current conditions, assess the impact of potential plans and identify any remediation that could be needed before, during and after construction activity.

Finally, the board previously hired Marvin Infinger to advise it on legal issues related to the amenity planning process. Marvin is a senior litigator at Nexsen Pruet and one of the most respected legal minds in South Carolina.

This team of experts has been assembled to assure excellence through a thoughtful and professional process. The board is committed and confident that any proposals will be consistent with the Kiawah brand and design philosophy of compatibility with nature.

Watch for continued updates on this important topic in the coming weeks and visit kica.us (*News/Board Initiatives*) for historical information.

2015 Annual Meeting Key Dates

Preparations for the 2015 Annual Meeting are underway. Key dates for December are listed below and are also available in the Community Event Calendars on pages 5-6. In the coming weeks, more information will be made available on the KICA website (kica.us) and in the Annual Meeting packets mail to all property owners in January.

- **Dec. 2 by 5 p.m.** - Non-advisory motions are due.
- **Dec. 8 by 5 p.m.** - Board candidate filling deadline.

***The above dates have been confirmed, but all times are tentative and subject to change.*

