



MINUTES

The City of Beaufort
PARK & TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday, March 27th, 2025 at 3:00pm
City Hall Executive Conference Room 2
1911 Boundary St, Beaufort, SC

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 3p.m. by PTAC Chair Barbara Farrior, in attendance was PTAC members Barbara Farrior, Isaiah Martinez, Joe Macdermant, Parks Supervisor Adam Wellins, and one Public Attendee.
- II. The first item on the agenda was selecting a member from PTAC to go before city council to discuss responsibilities changes that were recommended by the members. The committee discussed what changes were recommended and diligently discussed if they wanted to move forward with said changes, PTAC has recommended that it not be responsible for the creation of an urban forestry plan but would assist in helping the city through the process. It has been recommended that they would not be responsible for the documentation of Tree City USA since city information and computers have restricted access to city personal files and records. There are other recommendations that will be discussed in front of the council. Barbara Farrior was elected as the representative to go before council, Isaiah Martinez being the 1st and Joe Macdermant being the 2nd. Public Comment was made after the vote that they hope the responsibilities wouldn't disappear if PTAC aren't responsible for them, and Adam Wellins stated that the city is still responsible for its trees, parks, and right of ways.
- III. Second item on the agenda was the discussion of the palm tree located on the corner of Boundary St and Charles St; citizens have requested the committee to look into the possibility of relocating the palm tree that has the face carved into it by a local artist

who had passed. The Committee discussed how transplanting a tree of that height and maturity might be extremely difficult and not best suited for the project, they turned towards the idea of a memorial for the artist. Adam Wellins notified the group that it is an SCDOT right of way and anything within their right of ways would have to go through the encroachment permit process and depending on what it is, the process could either be short or lengthy. The committee agreed that an invitation should be sent out to the citizens who requested PTAC to look into this project to come to our next meeting to discuss the ideas they had in mind to honor driftwood. Adam Wellins said he would reach out.

- IV. Third Item on the agenda was the discussion of Southside Park Phase II and the community garden. Adam Wellins asked the committee to research and come up with ideas of other community gardens and what has worked and what doesn't so that they can submit their recommendations to the City to assist with Phase II planning. Isaiah Martinez talked about some of the community gardens he has seen inside of his contracts and could get us some pictures and videos of what he likes about them, he also recommended that there should be some screening or fencing to keep deer and other pest out from the community garden.
- V. Fourth item on the agenda was the Rodgers St Park, the committee had come up with assessments of the park and Adam Wellins showed the committee his plan and designs to make them become a reality, in these plans the bench will be replaced and relocated to under the live oak trees, and a flower bed and city park sign will be installed in the middle green.
- VI. Fifth item on the agenda was new business and public comment, only new business that was brought up was Adam Wellins had notified that the next location for assessments would be at Mercy Cemetery and notified the committee how the city has gone in and added split rail fencing to help keep parking in specified locations and would like to gather their ideas to make the spaces look better.
- VII. Meeting was adjourned.