



## MINUTES

The City of Beaufort  
**PARK & TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 Isaiah Martinez, Joe Macdermant, Shay Mikell, City Staff Adam Wellins and Linda Roper and Public Attendees, Fleetwood Bradshaw and Gibbes McDowell.
- II. Minutes for the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved
- III. Barbara Farrior introduces newly appointed member Shay Mikell to PTAC and a nomination to elect a Vicechair was motioned by Barbara Farrior, Shay Mikell and Joe Macdermant nominated Isaiah Martinez to be Vicechair and it was passed through with Shay Mikell being the first and Joe Macdermant being the second
- IV. Barbabra Farrior led discussions of a meeting that took place between Councilman Scallate's leadership Beaufort Class, City Manager and Deputy City Manager Scott Marhsall and JJ Suave, Parks Supervisor Adam Wellins and PTAC Chairwoman Barbara Farrior at Cuthbert Park, she highlighted that the leadership class would like to plant two live oaks inside Cuthbert Park, but after back and forth pros and cons they decided that an understory tree would better suit the location, Barbara Farrior asked the committee if they thought that species of Japanese Maples would be the best fit for the location, and Shay Mikell and Isahiah Martinez agreed that they could bring beautiful color and something different to the park. Barbara Farrior motioned for a vote to

approve of the Japanese Maples to be the recommendations to the Beaufort Leadership Class and It was approved unanimously with Shay Mikell being the first and Isaiah Martinez being the second.

- V. Public Attendees Gibbes McDowell and Fleetwood Bradshaw led a discussion and summary of a local artist/character Driftwood, who is known for many artistic designs and most obviously the face carving of the Palm Tree on Boundary and Charles St, They shared that they would like to see the tree transplanted so it can be protected from cars crashing into it and destroying the art, the committee advised it may be difficult to transplant the tree due to it's age and size but that a memorial might be the best route to take to preserve the art, even if we partner with some local artist to help cut out the portion of the art and coat it. Adam Wellins stated he would contact Arborist Michael Murphy to get his professional opinion of the tree.
- VI. Barbara Farrow and the members of PTAC decided they would like to work together and revise the proposed changes to PTAC due to the fact that besides Barbara Farrow the Committee has all new members and it was the previous members who voted to pass these changes, they would like the opportunity to get together and make changes that they all have a say in and agree upon. Adam Wellins asked for the new changes to be proposed at the next PTAC Meeting.
- VII. Barbara Farrow opened discussions about the recommendations for the Community Garden for Southside Park Phase II. Isaiah Martinez and Shay Mikell brought up the ideas of two different style planted boxes, one completely above ground and the second slightly dug into the ground, The committee brought up concerns about security and monitoring if the City decides going into a vegetable style garden and how would they manage keeping citizens happy if problems would arise, they also stated that the garden should be fenced in to better keep out pests and unauthorized entry.
- VIII. Adam Wellins told the committee that the next parks assessment would be at Mercy Cemetery, and he asked the committee to inspect the property and see if they could help beautify the area for its users. Shay Mikell proposed Confederate Jasmine would be a good idea and Isaiah Martinez proposed Little Gem Magnolias, Adam Wellins stated he would like the recommendations for the next PTAC Meeting.
- IX. Joe Macdermant motioned a vote to bring before council the proposal of a bike/nature trail on the Bay St Bluff, the motion was voted down with no first or seconds.
- X. Meeting was adjourned