



MINUTES

The City of Beaufort
PARK & TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday, July 24th, 2025 at 3:00pm
City Hall Planning Conference Room
1911 Boundary St, Beaufort, SC

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 3p.m. by PTAC Chair Barbara Farior, in attendance was PTAC members, Joe Macdermant, Shay Mikell, Michael Andersen.
- II. Minutes for the June 26th meeting was approved
- III. Barbara Farior opened old business, and Adam Wellins gave an update on the driftwood project, that moving forward the focus will be on cutting out the art portion of the palm tree and working with USCB or a local artist to assist with the preservation of the art piece. Ideas for a memorial have been given to Adam Wellins that were put together by Gibbs and Fleetwood. A location of desire has been expressed, and they would want the memorial somewhere along the tree walk tour guide. The next item of old business was getting the final responsibility changes from PTAC so they could be sent to the City Manager for approval and getting them on the work session within the next two months (August & Sept)
- IV. The Next item on the agenda was the tree ordinance review for planning. Micheal Andersen was interested in discussing increasing the DPH minimum in chapter 5 from 6 inches to 1 ½ feet with the idea of protecting the heritage trees as much as possible. The motion to approve the recommendation was passed.

- V. Barbara Farrior opened new business, Micheal Andersen asked if the city has decided on a final location for the liberty tree. Adam Wellins said that locations are still being determined, and locations that best fit the characteristic needs of the tree are all being considered. Shay Mikell asked about an update for the Community Garden for Southside Park, Adam Wellins told the group that their recommendations are being passed through his director and City Manager to give to the planning team for the development of Southside Phase II. Shay Mikell asked the question if PTAC meetings could be changed to 3:15pm and Adam Wellins said that he would talk to Traci Guldner to see if that would be a possibility.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned.