



## MINUTES

The City of Beaufort  
**SOUTHSIDE PARK TASK FORCE**  
Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM  
*Electronic Meeting*

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- I. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Task Force Vice Chair Jessica Chemsak. Attending were Task Force Chair Brantley Wilson, Chemsak, RJ Ball, Alice Howard, Neil Irvin, Kristin Marshall Mattson and Liz O'Brien. Tamara Volk-Pace attended via Facebook. Also present: Council liaison Neil Lipsitz, and staff liaisons Linda Roper, Adam Wellins, Dan Frazier, and Kathleen Williams.
- II. Minutes of Feb. 4 Task Force meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. Ms. Chemsak led the group in discussion of a draft Southside Park survey developed by Ms. Roper. Various tweaks and clarifications were suggested. Ms. Howard said that Beaufort County was engaging in discussions about developing pickleball courts in northern Beaufort County. She said questions about pickleball could be directed to her.
- IV. The group then discussed how to best disseminate a completed survey. Mr. Wilson shared a spreadsheet with several suggestions. The group agreed to distribute the survey through various channels, including social media, the City's newsletter, QR code directions, as well as the option for paper copies. The group discussed how to solicit educator/student comments.
- V. Councilman Lipsitz read some public comments from the Facebook feed.
- VI. In other discussion, Mr. Brantley asked Mr. Wellins if he had information on the cost of a splash pad. Mr. Wellins said he had researched a splash pad/park in Walla Walla, Wash., that would be similar in size to one at Southside Park. It cost \$400,000 to build and \$50,000 a year for recycled water. Mr. Wellins said that it would cost from \$300-\$1,000 to install bottle-filler water fountains. Ms. O'Brien asked about the status of the Police Department's trailer at the park. Ms. Howard asked about access to Waddell Road, and if that was discussed at the Feb. 4 meeting.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:52 p.m.