



## MINUTES

The City of Beaufort  
**SOUTHSIDE PARK TASK FORCE**  
Thursday, March 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 Chair Brantley Wilson. Attending were Task Force Vice Chair Jessica Chemsak, Alice Howard, Neil Irvin, Brenda Litchfield, Kristin Marshall Mattson, and Liz O'Brien. Also present: Council liaison Neil Lipsitz, and staff liaisons Linda Roper, Adam Wellins, and Kathleen Williams.
- II. Minutes of March 4 Task Force meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. Mr. Wilson led the group in discussion of Southside Park survey. Ms. Williams discussed the various methods that were used to disseminate the survey. Ms. Roper reviewed early responses and trends. Almost 900 responses had come in as of March 18.
- IV. Ms. Roper shared a draft outline of the report that will be made to City Council at its Work Session on April 27. The consensus was to include estimated costs in the list of recommended projects. It was agreed to share the outline with the group to get feedback before the next meeting on April 1.
- V. Mr. Wellins led the discussion of grading at the park. He noted that without a plan to determine what features were going where, it would not be possible to give an estimate of grading costs and how to best address flooding issues.
- VI. The survey closes on March 28. It was agreed that the survey results would be tabulated on March 29, and then shared via a press release and on social media in order to garner additional public comment at the group's April 1 meeting. Public comment will be held at the beginning of the meeting.
- VII. There was no public comment.
- VIII. During other discussion, Ms. Howard said that a Pickleball Task Force for north of the Broad has formed and would be meeting on March 30 with county officials. Ms. Roper and Ms. Howard said that connectivity between the County's tennis courts and Southside Park should be enhanced.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:57 p.m.