



Town of Beaufort, NC

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Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 6:00 PM Thursday, July 07, 2022 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516 Monthly Meeting

Call to Order

Vice Chair Michael Rave called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: Michael Rave, Barbara Frances-Heckman, Brian O'Haver and Johnna Davis

Members Absent: Chair Liz DeMattia, Sheresa Elliott and Peter Crumley

Staff Present: Parks Coordinator Rachel Johnson & Police Officer Paulo Ferreira

Agenda Approval

Agenda approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval

1. Minutes - June 2022 – Board asked to move approval to the August meeting.

Public Comment

Logan Louis, 900 Cedar Street, encouraged the Parks Board to consider a project at the Moore Street access and to work with the Harbor Committee's contractor Moffit & Nichols on grant funding.

Presentations

1. Presentation - John Brobst

John Brobst, 602 Courtyard East, presented materials to the Board about bicycling upgrades that are needed throughout town. Brobst, an avid cyclist, highlighted several areas to include turning from 101 onto West Beaufort Road, the 90 degree turn on the sidewalk at the end of W. Beaufort Road and Turner Street bridge.

Board Members asked Brobst several questions and shared their support in wanting to make Beaufort more bike friendly.

Officer Ferreira shared that current town regulations consider bicycles as vehicles and prohibit them from being on the sidewalk.

Staff Report

1. Staff Update

- a. Mural Project Update – BOC approved the project to move forward. The BOC advised the panels should be removable, the final design will need approval by the P&R Board and the BOC and they would like to see public input on the design.
- b. Art in the Park – 1-3 p.m. July 13 / Randolph Johnson Park – Staff shared they had reached out to Randolph Johnson’s family to clarify the request brought forward on their behalf by a citizen to change the park name. The family clarified that no one in Beaufort has been asked to speak on their behalf. Randolph Johnson’s daughter said his full name is “Louis Randolph Johnson Jr.” and that he had gone by several names. She requested the Town use his full name on signage going forward.
Brian O’Haver made a motion to recommend the Town use the full name on signage. Johnna Davis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
Staff also discussed the idea of creating a history board similar to the one recently installed at Topsail Park. The history board would include photos and information about the life of Louis Randolph Johnson Jr and would provide a way to share his story in the park that is named for him. Staff has written a historical piece on his life and has received approval from his family that the information is correct. The Board wants to explore the possibility of honoring him in this manner in the park.
- c. Harbor & Waterways Master Plan – Staff encouraged the board to share their input and to take the online survey.
- d. CAMA Land Use Plan – Staff advised the plan is available for review and encouraged the board to review it and participate in an upcoming public hearing (dated TBD).
- e. Other – Staff advised they had met with the developers of the Mulberry Project and received a favorable response at the idea of working with the town to establish a multi-use path.

Board Comments

Barbara Heckman stated she is working with Rachel to identify town owned land to see if any locations may be viable for a dog park. She is also working on creating a map of Pokemon hot spots for a virtual park.

Brian O’Haver discussed the vista at the end of Leonda Drive and his desire for the Town to build a viewing platform with seating and/or a day dock. Johnna Davis is in agreement.

Michael Rave stated that Mr. Brobst had reached a very receptive audience.

Adjourn

Brian O’Haver made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.