



Town of Beaufort, NC

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Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 6:00 PM Thursday, January 08, 2026 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516 Monthly Meeting (Approved 03.05.26)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair Ron Dupuis

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chair Ron Dupuis, Carol Beard, Lora Fasolino, Bruce Mann, Taylor McCune, and Victoria Sullivan

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Doug Williams

Staff Present: Community Engagement Director Jen Welborn and Town Manager Matt Zapp

Elected Officials present: None

The Board unanimously excused Vice Chair Doug Williams from the meeting due to illness.

Agenda Approval

The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Minutes Approval

1. PRAB Regular Meeting 11.06.25
2. PRAB Workshop 12.03.25
3. Greenway Executive Team Meeting 12.18.25

The three sets of minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Public Comment

There were two public comments. Mike Bradley discussed the idea of adding "NC" to Town logos to help distinguish Beaufort from Beaufort, South Carolina. He also suggested installing additional benches along Front Street and shared an example of a kayak rental kiosk he had seen in other coastal communities.

Mary Phillips, a member of the Beaufort Community Foundation, spoke about desired plans for Eury Park.

Old Business

1. December 3, 2025 - Workshop Recap

Community Engagement Director, Jen Welborn, asked the Board to briefly summarize and provide feedback from their December 3, 2025 workshop, from which she had been absent.

2. BOC Workshop January 28-29, 2026 – Presentation

Chairman, Ron Dupuis, was assigned to present at the Board of Commissioners Workshop on January 28, 2026. Other PRAB members were encouraged to attend as members of the public.

3. Eury Park Update

Welborn explained that Mayor Harker had not put the Beaufort Community Foundation's Eury Park improvements on a Board of Commissioner agenda yet.

Staff Report

1. Beaufort Events Master List - To be added to Town website

Community Engagement Director, Jen Welborn, passed out a list of community events in Beaufort, which included the type of event, organizer, and various contact information. This "living document" will be posted on the Town's website to help connect community members, volunteers, and event organizers.

2. John Newton Park Water Fountain - Working, Winterized

The Public Works department tested the water fountains in John Newton park, determined they were working, and has winterized them for the season.

3. Beaufort Greenway Update & Signs

Welborn passed out a handout with photos of new Greenway signage placed between Lennoxville Road and Freedom Park Road. She also mentioned an App called Strava, on which Town Engineer, Sam Bell, had created a public "1988 DOT Bike Route" map. The group also discussed how Beaufort is part of a larger East Coast Greenway bike route.

4. Rock the Docks 2026 – Planning

Welborn provided an update on the status of her Rock the Docks planning.

5. "Project SOP"

Welborn showed the group a draft copy of "A Guide to New Parks Ideas in the Town of Beaufort."

6. Ann Street Park Update

Welborn updated the group on the status of the Ann Street Waterfront Park CAMA application and overall park improvement project. The Town had not yet received their CAMA permit for the project.

7. Beaufort Town Docks - Planters Update

A sample planter, made by the Town's Public Works team, was shown to the group.

The group also discussed Carteret County's Parks & Recreation Master Plan which was in the community input phase. Everyone was encouraged to take the County's survey.

New Business

1. Physical Park Tours "Lunch & Learns" - Schedule

The next “PRAB on the GO!” was scheduled for February, 10, 2026 and would focus on the Trestle Walk and other possible Beaufort Greenway areas to be determined.

2. Beaufort Greenways Executive Team - Meetings and Updates (15 minutes)

Lora Fosolino led a presentation and discussion about possible future Beaufort Greenway areas and updated the group on the Greenway Executive Team’s work.

Board Comments

Taylor McCune mentioned an event at Beaufort Middle School.

Staff Comments

There were no staff comments at this time.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.