



## **Town of Beaufort, NC**

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### **Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 6:00 PM Thursday, March 05, 2026 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516 Monthly Meeting (Approved 04.02.26)**

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#### **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, Vice Chair Doug Williams, Carol Beard, Bruce Mann, and Victoria Sullivan

Board Members Absent: Lora Fasolino and Taylor McCune

Staff Present: Community Engagement Director Jen Welborn

Elected Officials present: None

*The Board unanimously excused Lora Fasolino and Taylor McCune from the meeting.*

#### **Agenda Approval**

#### **Minutes Approval**

1. PRAB Regular Meeting 01.08.26

*The Board unanimously approved the PRAB Regular Meeting 01.08.26 minutes as presented.*

- ~~2. Greenway Executive Team Meeting 01.12.26~~

*The Board unanimously voted to table the Greenway Executive Team Meeting 01.12.26 minutes until their April 2, 2026, meeting.*

#### **Public Comment**

There was one public comment. Robert Corse expressed satisfaction with the progress of the Gallant's Channel improvements.

## Staff Report

1. Rock the Docks Update

Welborn provided an update on the status of the 2026 Rock the Docks planning. She discussed the need for more funding for the event and scheduling bands accordingly.

2. Ann Street Park Update

Welborn provided an update on the status of the Ann Street Waterfront Park, including the CAMA application and overall park improvement project. Town staff, adjacent property owners, and CAMA staff have remained in ongoing communication to address and provide additional information required for the permit. The Town is currently awaiting feedback from the Army Corps of Engineers and anticipates the CAMA permit will be issued before the March 28, 2026 deadline.

## Old Business

1. Eury Park / Beaufort Community Foundation Presentation

Mary Phillips, Chair, and Craig Souza, Founder, of the Beaufort Community Foundation presented their updated plans for improvements at Lynn Eury Park. Phillips provided an overview of the Foundation's mission, as well as its current and future funding processes. She then introduced a scaled-down concept for the park, which included new benches and picnic tables, a brick promenade, and large decorative flowerpots. She discussed the possibility of adding bricks engraved with nautical-themed designs for children, renaming the park to "Eury Family Park," and an educational video to accompany the park. The design of the park, which Phillips described as "the front porch to Town Hall," is meant to preserve the waterway views and continue to accommodate community events. The board discussed the revised concept.

*Bruce Mann made a motion to approve the updated Eury Park concept and recommend advancing it to the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried unanimously.*

2. Greenways Update & Discussion

Chair, Ron Dupuis, stated that he and Bruce Mann planned to meet soon to discuss the Beaufort Greenways project. Lora Fosolino was currently out of the country. No specific date or time was discussed.

3. Moore Street

The group briefly discussed the Moore Street water access project and determined that easement information from Planning Director, Kyle Garner, was needed.

4. 10-Year Plan Update

Chair, Ron Dupuis discussed beginning the 10-Year Plan updates at the May or June 2026 meeting. He encouraged board members to review the expiring 10-Year Plan prior to those meetings.

## New Business

1. Parks Events Planning

Welborn discussed the planning of upcoming events to take place in Town parks. Victoria Sullivan and Carol Beaird volunteered to help plan and coordinate.

2. PRAB on the GO! - March Tour

The board unanimously agreed to visit Randolph Johnson Jr. Memorial Park, Freedom Park, and future Ann Street Waterfront Park at their next "PRAB on the GO!" scheduled for Tuesday, March

10, 2026, beginning with an optional lunch at Clawson's Restaurant from 12:00 – 1:00 PM, followed by a parks tour from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

2. PRAB Meeting Rescheduling - June, July, August

The regularly scheduled PRAB meetings in June, July, and August conflict with the "Rock the Docks" summer concert series, which Welborn is required to attend and Board members also plan to attend. The Board unanimously agreed to reschedule their PRAB meetings to Wednesday, June 3, July 1, and August 5, at 6:00 PM at the Beaufort Train Depot.

3. Grants

The group discussed grant application processes, future funding needs, research, potential grant writers, and overall funding strategy, with plans to continue the discussion at a later date with guidance from Town Manager, Matt Zapp. They also identified the need for a master list of grants with associated deadlines.

**Board Comments**

Victoria Sullivan commented on the Town's Small Vessel and Kayak Lottery.

**Staff Comments**

There were no staff comments at this time.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.