



Town of Beaufort, NC

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Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 6:00 PM Thursday, June 02, 2022 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516 Monthly Meeting

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Michael Rave.

Members Present: Peter Crumley, Brian O'Haver, Sheresa Elliott, Barbara Frances Heckman, Johnna Davis and Michael Rave

Members Not Present: Chair Liz DeMattia

Staff Present: Parks Coordinator Rachel Johnson

Agenda Approval

Agenda was unanimously approved with the addition of one item under Discussion and Consideration. A discussion on Murals was added to the agenda.

Public Comment

Janet Woodward, 2217 Lennoxville Road, made a public comment requesting the Parks Board consider renaming Randolph Johnson Park to LR Johnson Park. Woodward submitted a piece of paper to the Vice Chair and demanded it be included in the minutes.

Woodward exceeded 3 minutes and was advised by Vice Chair Rave that her time was up. She continued to insist the board have a discussion on the matter. Woodward was advised by staff at the 10 minute mark that her time was up and advised if she continued to be disruptive she would be asked to leave. At this time Woodward, disregarded staff and continued to be disruptive at times yelling at staff and board members. Board Member Crumley asked Woodward to please respect that public comment time was up and to allow the Board to move on to their agenda items. Vice Chair Michael Rave explained the board's process and stated the board would look into the matter.

Woodward continued to disrupt the meeting and interrupted a presentation to the Board before exiting the building.

Discussion/Consideration - Murals

Staff member Johnson introduced a request by Arts in Beaufort to use public property, the shower house at the end of the boardwalk, for a public art mural. The request was for a recommendation to the BOC concerning the idea. Exact details of the art and the artist were not available as the group wants to make sure the Town would be agreeable to a public art mural at this location. The mural is suggested to be on removable panels of PVC board.

Arts in Beaufort member BJ Vincent was present to discuss the topic with the board and answer questions.

Michael Rave made a motion, seconded by Peter Crumley and approved unanimously to make the following recommendation to the BOC:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is enthusiastic about the idea of a mural on the shower house and supports modularity as an option. The Parks Board recommends the BOC grant permission for a mural at the proposed location on public property. The board also recommends, once approval is granted, that the final design and artist selection return to the Parks Board for review and to make a recommendation to the BOC who will give ultimate approval. If the location is approved, Arts in Beaufort will begin the process of selecting an artist and a theme. Current theme suggestions have included nature images such as flowers, sunsets etc.

The HPC does not currently have guidelines concerning public art and this item is not required to be presented to the board.

Staff Report

1. BOC Annual Retreat Update

Staff shared a presentation that was made to the BOC during their annual retreat regarding Parks based on the recommendations of the Parks & Rec Advisory Board.

This presentation includes signage needs, preserving public space, potential future project ideas and more.

2. Family Fun Day

Staff asked for volunteers to give away bicycle helmets that were secured from a grant in 2020 and updated the board on the plans for the event.

Board Comments

Board members expressed an interest in a BOC liaison.

Adjourn