



Town of Beaufort, NC

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Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6:00 PM Thursday, September 01, 2022 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516
Monthly Meeting

Call to Order

Members Present: Michael Rave, Barbara Francis-Heckman, Peter Crumley, Doug Williams, Johnna Davis and Brian O'Haver

Members Absent: Chair Liz DeMattia and Sheresa Elliot

Staff Present: Rachel Johnson, Parks & Events Coordinator

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

Agenda Approval

Unanimously approved

Minutes Approval

1. June & July Minutes

Johnna Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Barbara Francis-Heckman seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Presentations

1. Brief introductions

Each member briefly introduced themselves to new member Doug Williams. Williams also introduced himself to the board. Williams was appointed to serve on the board by the BOC in August of 2022.

Staff Report

Parks & Events Coordinator Rachel Johnson gave an update on the following items:

* Wayfinding signs - The BOC approved a town wide wayfinding program that includes new park signage.

* Art in the Park - Announced the following dates for Art in the Park at Randolph Johnson Park: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8

* White Cane Day - Peter Crumley and Johnson gave an update that the Town would partner with the Lions Club to bring awareness to White Cane Laws as well as NC Watch for Me. The Town and the Lions Club will have a booth at the Beaufort Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15.

* Skatepark - Staff received a call from a citizen wanting to talk to the board about skateparks.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

1. Elect Chair & Vice Chair for 2022-23

Brian O'Haver made a motion to nominate Michael Rave to serve as Chair. Motion passed unanimously and Rave was elected Chair.

Peter Crumley and Johnna Davis volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair. Johnna Davis & Barbara Francis-Heckman voted for Crumley. Brian O'Haver, Peter Crumley and Michael Rave voted for Johnna Davis. Johnna Davis was elected Vice Chair in a 3-2 vote.

Board Comments

Board members discussed changing the meeting time from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in order to allow everyone time to arrive.

Brian O'Haver made a motion to change the meeting time to 6:30 p.m. Peter Crumley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Francis-Heckman discussed her desire to fundraise for a dog park.

Peter Crumley discussed NaviLens technology.

Brian O'Haver asked about street trees on Cedar Street. O'Haver also suggested the Board revisit the mission statement and evaluate the name of the board to expand to incorporate additional items including Public Art.

Doug Williams asked about Beaufort's bikeway and expressed several concerns about Fisherman's Park and water access.

Johnna Davis asked if the public restrooms could be opened at 6 a.m. for runners in the downtown area.

Michael Rave made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn