



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

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval

- [1.](#) Minutes - June 2022

Public Comment

Presentations

- [1.](#) Presentation - John Brobst

Staff Report

- [1.](#) Staff Update

Board Comments

Adjourn



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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

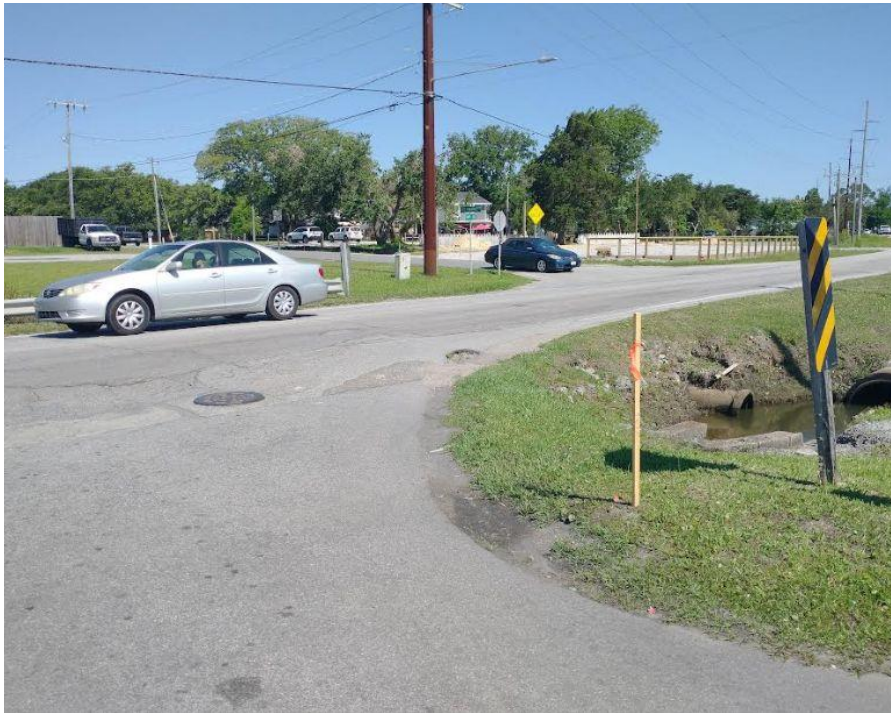
Board members expressed an interest in a BOC liaison.

Adjourn

MISUNDERSTOOD BICYCLING NEEDS

You are all very busy! Thank you for allowing me to speak about the needs of bicyclists.

Let's start with getting to West Beaufort Rd. by bicycle.



As it is now, you must exit the Ace Hardware parking lot, enter onto Rt. 101 going right, then do a left turn onto West Beaufort Rd. while there is no traffic on the road.



How much better it would be to have a bikeway at the entrance of 101 & W. Beaufort, that would allow a much quicker crossing of Rt. 101!

MISUNDERSTOOD BICYCLING NEEDS

Then at the end of W. Beaufort, the sidewalk that should be made for bikers as well as walkers, turns into a walker's sidewalk.



This could be corrected with little more than a square patio block purchased from Lowes or Walmart, or if preferred, some mixed concrete.



MISUNDERSTOOD BICYCLING NEEDS

Now at the top of the hill, the sidewalk curves very nicely toward the crossing of Turner St. bridge, if you are headed into town. If not headed into town, there is no walk to get you to the stoplight crossing!



A few days ago, I followed a man on a bicycle going up to the Turner St. bridge. To my surprise he stopped when he got on the bridge, dismounted, took his bike off the sidewalk, waited for traffic to clear, then crossed the bridge to the other side directly from where he stood.



My bike is parked where this man stopped to cross. Once he reached the other side, he headed toward Rt. 70.

MISUNDERSTOOD BICYCLING NEEDS



This is where the man crossed to the other side of Turner St. bridge.

When coming from town, up Turner St. to the bridge, if you choose not to take the sidewalk once you cross the bridge, you must get off your bike to get onto the West Beaufort Rd. sidewalk. There should be a convenient way to do this, NOT the way it is now.



The point of this presentation is to show that automobile drivers simply do not make good decisions for bicyclists. It seems that they understand what automobiles need, but if they are not bicyclists themselves, they simply do not understand the needs of bicyclists.

Again, thank you very much for allowing me time taken out of your busy schedule!



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**Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
6:00 PM – Thursday, July 7, 2022**

AGENDA CATEGORY: Staff Report

SUBJECT:

- Mural Project Update
- Art in the Park / Randolph Johnson Park
- Harbor & Waterways Master Plan – Survey – draft master plan
<https://www.publicinput.com/T7847>
- CAMA Land Use Plan/Resiliency Plan Available to review at www.beaufortnc.org/future
- Other

REQUESTED ACTION: None

EXPECTED LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: 15 minutes

SUBMITTED BY: Rachel Johnson, Parks Coordinator

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED: No