



## **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**

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#### **Call to Order**

#### **Agenda Approval**

#### **Minutes Approval**

- [1.](#) June & July Minutes

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Presentations**

1. Brief introductions

#### **Staff Report**

#### **Items for Discussion and Consideration**

1. Elect Chair & Vice Chair for 2022-23

#### **Board Comments**

#### **Adjourn**



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**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**



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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  
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**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Michael Rave called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: Michael Rave, Barbara Frances-Heckman, Brian O'Haver and Johnna Davis

Members Absent: Chair Liz DeMattia, Sheresa Elliott and Peter Crumley

Staff Present: Parks Coordinator Rachel Johnson & Police Officer Paulo Ferreira

**Agenda Approval**

Agenda approved unanimously.

**Minutes Approval**

- 1. Minutes - June 2022 – Board asked to move approval to the August meeting.

**Public Comment**

Logan Louis, 900 Cedar Street, encouraged the Parks Board to consider a project at the Moore Street access and to work with the Harbor Committee's contractor Moffit & Nichols on grant funding.

**Presentations**

- 1. Presentation - John Brobst

John Brobst, 602 Courtyard East, presented materials to the Board about bicycling upgrades that are needed throughout town. Brobst, an avid cyclist, highlighted several areas to include turning from 101 onto West Beaufort Road, the 90 degree turn on the sidewalk at the end of W. Beaufort Road and Turner Street bridge.

Board Members asked Brobst several questions and shared their support in wanting to make Beaufort more bike friendly.

Officer Ferreira shared that current town regulations consider bicycles as vehicles and prohibit them from being on the sidewalk.

**Staff Report**

1. Staff Update

- a. Mural Project Update – BOC approved the project to move forward. The BOC advised the panels should be removable, the final design will need approval by the P&R Board and the BOC and they would like to see public input on the design.
- b. Art in the Park – 1-3 p.m. July 13 / Randolph Johnson Park – Staff shared they had reached out to Randolph Johnson’s family to clarify the request brought forward on their behalf by a citizen to change the park name. The family clarified that no one in Beaufort has been asked to speak on their behalf. Randolph Johnson’s daughter said his full name is “Louis Randolph Johnson Jr.” and that he had gone by several names. She requested the Town use his full name on signage going forward. Brian O’Haver made a motion to recommend the Town use the full name on signage. Johnna Davis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Staff also discussed the idea of creating a history board similar to the one recently installed at Topsail Park. The history board would include photos and information about the life of Louis Randolph Johnson Jr and would provide a way to share his story in the park that is named for him. Staff has written a historical piece on his life and has received approval from his family that the information is correct. The Board wants to explore the possibility of honoring him in this manner in the park.
- c. Harbor & Waterways Master Plan – Staff encouraged the board to share their input and to take the online survey.
- d. CAMA Land Use Plan – Staff advised the plan is available for review and encouraged the board to review it and participate in an upcoming public hearing (dated TBD).
- e. Other – Staff advised they had met with the developers of the Mulberry Project and received a favorable response at the idea of working with the town to establish a multi-use path.

**Board Comments**

Barbara Heckman stated she is working with Rachel to identify town owned land to see if any locations may be viable for a dog park. She is also working on creating a map of Pokemon hot spots for a virtual park.

Brian O’Haver discussed the vista at the end of Leonda Drive and his desire for the Town to build a viewing platform with seating and/or a day dock. Johnna Davis is in agreement.

Michael Rave stated that Mr. Brobst had reached a very receptive audience.

**Adjourn**

Brian O’Haver made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.