

Beautification Committee Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Okatie River Conference Room, 20 Bridge Street,
Bluffton, SC

February 19, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Johnny Bowen called the meeting to order at 9:07AM.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Johnny Bowen

Dan Ciufreda

Hugh Williamson

Vice Chair Dot Jeger

ABSENT

Jessica Palladino

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairman Bowen made a motion to approve January 15, 2026 minutes as written.

Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jeger

Voting Yea: Dan Ciufreda and Hugh Williamson

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Paint Out Pollution Storm Drain Art Project Update

Town of Bluffton Media release issued on January 14th. 10 slogans solicited for artwork submissions.

2. Non Toxic Neighborhoods Program Implementation Update

Public Services Director is in the process of writing a pest control management program. Once the policy is complete, we will submit to the Town Council for approval and adoption.

3. Linear Trail Renovation Update

All three bridges have been completed. The dock is under construction and the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. Potentially possible to schedule April's meeting on location to tour the finished Linear Trail.

4. White Goods Pickup Update

Scheduled for Thursday, April 17th.

5. Arbor Day & Tree Planting Update

Committee to replace two large oak trees at Town Hall on Arbor Day.

6. Fence Enclosure at Oyster Factory Park

Raised the pavilion an additional 2 ft to replace rotting posts and built a containment fence for to hide trash cans from view.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rotary Center/Beautification Committee Pet Waste Station Donation

Request for funds has been submitted to Rotary Center and is in the process of getting approved. Committee to write up request to the Town Manager to provide more pet waste stations in order to decrease the increasing amount of pet waste and fecal matter found in the May River. Rotary Committee will match Watershed's contributions to this project.

VII. DISCUSSION

1. Committee voted to cancel the March 19, 2026 meeting.

2. Committee discussed the desire to expand the Beautification Committee's projects beyond trees and plantings and came up with the following ideas:

a) Refurbish the old train station by the Linear Trail to include an open air-shelter and bamboo. Public Services will coordinate with Constance Clarkson from CIP to identify an acceptable location.

b) Replace the mural on the pavilion at Oscar Frazier Park.

c) Create a Town of Bluffton scavenger hunt for children and families culminating in receiving a prize at the Squire Pope Welcome Center.

d) Add solar powered charging receptacles and shade coverings to Town benches.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bowen adjourned the meeting at 9:54AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026