

Beautification Committee Meeting

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

August 20, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Johnny Bowen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Johnny Bowen

Vice Chair Dot Jeger

Dan Ciuffreda

Jessica Palladino

Hugh Williamson

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairman Bowen made a motion do adopt the July 16, 2026 minutes as written.

Vice Chair Jeger seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Dan Ciuffreda, Jessica Paladino and Hugh Williamson.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. JENNA MCCARTY TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS FOR BUTTERFLY GARDEN AND BROADER POLLINATOR INITIATIVES

Jenna McCarty was unable to attend.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. STORM DRAIN ART PROJECT UPDATE

Committee discussed additional ideas to adhere decals to Town sidewalks including the use of quikcrete and a marine grade adhesive. Committee also discussed the possibility of moving away from vinyl decals and displaying the storm drain art in another manner such as spray paint stencils, concrete stamps or low profile-signage.

2. CHARGING STATIONS AT PARK PAVILLIONS UPDATE

Charging receptables have been ordered and are awaiting delivery.

3. OSCAR FRAZIER PAVILION & WRIGHT FAMILY PARK WINDOW ART PROJECTS UPDATE

Awaiting response from the Public Art Committee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. PALMETTO PRIDE TREE GRANT

Committee reviewed grant submission package presented by Chairman Johnny Bowen. Public Services Director will submit application.

2. TOUR OF LINEAR TRAIL

Construction is expected to be completed in mid-September. Colleen Hall to coordinate with Constance Clarkson to arrange tour of the trail for Committee's October meeting.

VII. DISCUSSION**BUTTERFLY PLANT SALE IN OLD TOWN**

After conducting research, Vice Chair Jeger shared that Mayfest is too late for selling butterfly plants. March and April would be the ideal time frame for this project. The owners of Bluffton Farm & Flea have agreed to provide the Committee with plants at cost and a booth for the Friday and Saturday markets.

COMMUNICATION BOARD INSTALLATION AT TOWN PARKS

The Committee discussed their interest in exploring ideas for the installation of special needs communication boards at the Town parks. Colleen Hall to conduct research on potential vendors.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Jeger moved to adjourn.

Dan Ciuffreda seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Chairman Johnny Bowen, Jessica Palladino and Hugh Williamson.

All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026