



## MINUTES

The City of Beaufort  
**PARK & TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
Thursday, June 22nd, 2023 at 3:00pm  
City Hall Executive Conference Room 2  
1911 Boundary St, Beaufort, SC

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 3p.m. by PTAC Chair Barbara Farris, in attendance was PTAC members Gordon Fritz, Victoria Bergesen, Tamala Conner, Brad Hill, Parks Supervisor Adam Wellins and Public attendees.
- II. Minutes from the February 23rd, 2023 meeting was approved.
- III. Barbara Farris opened discussions on Native Plants for Pigeon Point Park, Adam Wellins stated that he would like to gather up plans to create a native plant bed inside of Pigeon Point Park, he stated that he would like to start the project during the cooler fall months. Tamala Conner then gave out bullet points from her walkthrough of the park, she suggested the plan should be made up of three tiers, starting with the back row being the tallest, the middle being the in between size, and the front being the smallest. She had also stated that residents have brought forth the idea of removing the Cherry Tree in front of the park due to its regressing health, and possibly replacing it with a bed of perennials. Gordon Fritz brought up the possibility of two members heading the walkthrough and recommendations for this project to which Tamala Conner & Victoria Bergesen volunteered to construct a walkthrough of the park and bring together some recommendations to push the project forward.
- IV. Adam Wellins gave an update on the quote from Bartlett Tree Services to the committee, he stated that the quote that was originally written was still in good

standing after Barbara Farrow called to verify. He stated that his director Nathan Farrow would get the quote approved, so that the Magnolias on Palmetto St would receive the care that the committee intended them to get.

- V. Adam Wellins started discussions on the Vegetation Blind Project for the Spanish Moss Trail that would be blocking off the view of Dominions sub-station from the natural scenery of the trail. Adam Provided a design concept that showed how the project could possibly naturally blend in around the property if Dominion would give us the permission to put it on their property. The committee embraced the design but had a few details they wanted added to the final design. It was a consensus that the design plan would incorporate five different species, the committee had agreed to narrow down the choices to these selections.

- Yaupon Holly
- Emerald, Green Arborvitae
- Anise Tree
- Viburnum
- Podocarpus

Adam stated that the next steps were to come up with the final design and present it to the committee for approval, the next step would be to have it approved by the City Manager and then finally Dominion Energy for approval.

- VI. Adam Wellins gave an update on the efforts to clean up Boundary St, Streetscape. Members had voiced concerns in previous meetings about the condition of the plants and care of the Boundary St, Streetscape. Adam had assured them their concerns were heard and that he was glad to announce that since those concerns were raised, the city had replaced 305 rosemaries, and planted 50 new rose bushes to fill the gaps and add color to the streetscape. He also added that the work was not finished and that they would continue their efforts to beautifying the streetscape moving into the next fiscal year and beyond.
- VII. Adam asked for new business, the committee had stated they would like to extend the committee from five members to nine, more frequent meetings, they brought up the want to have a greater impact on development throughout the city when involving parks and trees. Adam told the members that we would gather their questions and bring them forward to his director Nathan Farrow. The committee also had asked to move the August meeting to July due to members having planned time away from the area. Adam said that we would speak to the city clerk to see if that would be a possibility whether it be in person or on zoom. Brad Hill proposed that the committee

come up with their recommendations for street trees to help future projects know which trees would be best suited for the climate and area of project.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned.