I.  The Meeting was called to order at 3p.m. by PTAC Chair Barbara Farrior, in attendance was PTAC members Victoria Bergesen, Tamala Conner, Brad Hill, and Parks Supervisor Adam Wellins,

II. Minutes from the January 25th, 2024 meeting was approved.

III. The Committee nominated and Re-elected Barbara Farrior as Chairwoman, Tamala Connor was nominated and elected as Vice Chairwoman.

IV. Barbara Farrior opened discussions on Tree Ordinance Recommendations. Tamala brought attention to the fact that the city has two different mitigation scales, and Adam Wellins said he would find clarification on which one was current. The group brought up that they would like to emulate the mitigation scale utilized by Port Royal, The group also brought up the idea of fines differing by zones within the city scale. One issue that the committee brought up was how the ordinance and its organization was all over the place and there wasn’t a clear flowing path to follow, and again should emulate how well Port Royals ordinance is organized. Lastly the committee said there should be clear language on enforcement of the ordinance and larger fines for those who don’t follow its protocols.

V. Adam Wellins informed the committee of the request from the family of Edie Rodgers who is former Beaufort City Council, and South Carolina State House Representative in
Columbia, SC. Her family was looking for recommendations for trees to honor her in the Secessions Park, land that was donated to the city by her family. The greenery gave a list of two trees, one little gem magnolia, and a heritage river birch. The Committee asked if the family had mentioned anything other than was presented and Adam Wellins mentioned in an email her favorite types of trees/plants were Hollies. So the Committee used that information to recommend the Holly Eagleston in place of the other two options.

VI. Adam Wellins gave the committee an update on the progress he’s trying to make with Urban Forest plans, he contacted a company GIC (Green Infrastructure Center) to give a quote for a full tree canopy assessment to help give the group more information and a clear path to creating an urban forestry plan moving forward, he said he was hopeful he would have that information by the next PTAC meeting in March.

VII. There was no public comment or new business brought forth, but Barbara Farrior asked about the Spanish Moss Trail Vegetation Blind, which Adam Wellins updated the committee that the pipe installation was on schedule to be completed before the end of March and would continue to keep the group updated if anything else changed.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned.