



MINUTES

The City of Beaufort
SOUTHSIDE PARK TASK FORCE
Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 4:00 PM
Electronic Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Task Force Chair Brantley Wilson. Attending were Task Force members Wilson, Vice Chair Jessica Chemsak, Secretary Bryan Thierry, Neil Irvin, Brenda Litchfield, Kristin Marshall Mattson, Liz O'Brien, and Tamara Volk-Pace. Also present: Council liaison Neil Lipsitz, and staff liaisons Linda Roper, Adam Wellins, Dan Frazier, and Kathleen Williams.
- II. Minutes of Feb. 1 Task Force meeting were amended and unanimously approved.
- III. Mr. Wilson led discussion of previous documents related to Southside Park sent to members earlier in the week. Discussion focused on the June 2004 *Dynamic Development of Southside Park* report and the section entitled Park Vision. He reviewed each of these proposed amenities to determine what had been accomplished since this report was issued. Members of Task Force also discussed Master Plan for Southside Park and what had been accomplished. Staff liaison Adam Wellins provided information about the current state of Southside Park.
- IV. Mr. Wilson opened discussion about members' priorities by sharing a spreadsheet he began ([see here](#)) that included past surveys and current Task Force member priorities. He then invited each Task Force member to discuss their top priorities. Pickleball was not included in the original survey, but Mr. Wilson was asked to add it as it has become a fast-growing recreational support. Ms. Roper answered questions about the grant process. Mr. Wellins answered questions about various costs, including for a splash pad.
- V. Mr. Wilson opened discussion about how best to structure a survey. Members went over each item listed and agreed to include these in a survey: walking/nature trail, open grassy areas, playground, pavilions/covered picnic area, multipurpose paved court (that would allow for pickleball), fitness course, managed wetlands, horseshoe pits, frisbee golf, restrooms, and community garden. Motion was made to include splash pad in survey and was defeated 6-1 with Chemsak, Irvin, Litchfield, O'Brien, Thierry and Volk-Pace voting against and Wilson voting for. Staff was asked to develop draft survey to be reviewed at next meeting.

- VI. Motion was approved to postpone discussion on survey dissemination until next meeting.
- VII. During Public Comment, one comment was noted in support of pickleball.
- VIII. There was no other discussion.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.