



MINUTES

The City of Beaufort
SOUTHSIDE PARK TASK FORCE
Thursday, March 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 Vice Chair Jessica Chemsak, RJ Ball, Alice Howard, Brenda Litchfield, and Kristin Marshall Mattson. Also present: Council liaison Neil Lipsitz, and staff liaisons Linda Roper, Adam Wellins, Dan Frazier, and Kathleen Williams.
- II. Minutes of Feb. 18 Task Force meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. Mr. Wilson led the group in discussion of Southside Park survey in draft form on Survey Monkey, with discussion of best way to present Question 1. The group consensus was that the second version of Q1, which presents options in an 'extremely important,' 'somewhat important,' or 'not important at all' format was the best way to present the question. Mr. Wilson then led the discussion regarding a timeline for survey deadline, presentation of report to City Council, etc. The group approved closing the survey on March 28 to allow time to study the responses. The report will be ready by the April 27 Work Session of City Council.
- IV. Ms. Williams led the discussion about ways to distribute the survey, including through social media posts, a special email to City of Beaufort newsletter subscribers, a poster with a QR code, printed surveys, outreach to local schools, and other methods.
- V. Ms. Howard shared information about a recent meeting between Beaufort County and representatives from several pickleball groups. The county discussed current locations that might accommodate pickleball immediately. The county is going to consider other possible locations, she said. Mr. Wilson asked if it was appropriate to share feedback from this task force about improvements to county park facilities with Beaufort County. Ms. Howard said it would be.
- VI. Ms. Roper informed the group about costs of recent and older park amenities in the City of Beaufort, including new playground equipment at Waterfront and Washington Street parks. Her spreadsheet included information about park improvements going back to 2006, and how the various improvements were funded. Ms. Howard said she would get information about the cost of recent Fort Frederick pavilion improvements.

- VII. In other discussion, Ms. Litchfield suggested placing a poster at a dog store on Boundary Street. Councilman Lipsitz read a public comment that suggested reaching out to HOAs with the survey.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:13 p.m.