



CITY OF BEAUFORT
1911 Boundary Street
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29902

Cultural District Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes for Aug 11, 2025

I. Call to Order

2:00 PM

Quorum was present.

Board Members in Attendance:

Bonnie Hargrove, Kathy Mixson, Linda Jeffries, Cherimie Weatherford, Mitzi McClure, Sarah Sutton

II. Review of Minutes of July 16, 2025.

Motion was made by Kathy Mixson to approve the July minutes. The motion was seconded by Cherimie Weatherford.

All were in favor, motion carried.

III. Old Business

o Update on Arts Festival.

- SCAC has a \$2,500 1:1 match grant that The Cultural District may want to investigate.
- Event components and programming still need to be defined for each location and meetings need to be scheduled.
- Jennifer Pointer with Downtown Operations provided a timeline for festival planning, a sponsorship packet, and applications to the Board.
- The Board will need to discuss what to include in "Friends of Washington Street Park" or Friends of USCB" in the sponsorship packet. Or combine the two additional locations to "Friends of the Arts". (Deadline of October 15, 2025, for changes)
- The Washington Street Group will be invited to the September meeting to share plans for the additions to the 2026 Taste of Beaufort Festival.

o Repairing of the Artist Benches.

- About 5 benches need to be pulled and a budget needs to be put in place to be fixed.
- Kathy Mixson was directed to look into alternative solutions to the benches.
- Cherimie Weatherford mentioned that maybe reaching out to the art programs at the schools to redo the benches.
- Linda Roper mentioned that the bench program has not been invested in since the original install.
- Mitzi McClure was directed to look into other art bench projects that have been successful.
- During the next meeting the board will develop a maintenance plan along with a budget

Motion was made by Cherimie Weatherford to make a maintenance plan to keep the benches that we have and let that run for two years and then reevaluate after the two years. The motion was seconded by Linda Jeffries.

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. **New Business**

- **Review report sent to South Carolina Arts Commission.**

- The board was instructed to read the report that was sent to the Arts Commission and come up with thoughtful ideas to add to the report in the upcoming year.

Other

V. **Adjournment**

STATEMENT OF MEDIA NOTIFICATION

"In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media was duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting."