



Meeting Minutes

The City of Beaufort

PARK AND TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday June 25, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Planning Conference Room, First Floor of City Hall

1911 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

I. Call to Order – 3:30 pm

- Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Barbara Farrior, in attendance were PTAC Members Joe Macdermant, Michael Andersen, as well as City Staff, Christopher Clements, Nicolas Navia, and Bailey Kato-Dutton.

Absent: Shay Mikell, Adam Wellins.

- Also in attendance was Fleetwood Bradshaw (Driftwood Project).

II. Approval of Minutes for April 23, 2026 meeting.

- Joe Macdermant made a motion to approve and seconded by Michael Andersen.

All were in favor, motion carried.

III. Old Business

- Driftwood Project

- i) Barb Farrior is under the impression that the tree can be taken down. But need the totem to go to public works for preservation. Expensive & old to move. Shock of transplanting the tree could kill it. Palms on Pkwy would move it for free. Barb Farrior will look into seeing how the tree can be moved.
- ii) Driftwood is now a screenplay & book. Lots of local culture involved with this project. Need permission to put it on the Tree Walk on Craven.
- iii) Need to see if the tree survived the sidewalk modernization. The matter will be looked into to see if any buildings were tore down near the tree.

- Liberty Tree Location Discussion

- i) Discussed the Roots in Liberty events. Confirmed the Liberty Tree will not be planted at this event on the Waterfront (“ceremonial planting”).

IV. New Business

- Urban Renewal Plan Reforestation Species Discussion

- I. Renewal is up soon. Decide on which of the trees would fit in to the area (species list). Need understory trees, need trees with canopies, varieties.

Need to look into a tree on Boundary near Enmarket. Has 2 black cables attached to it and it's leaning.

- II. Species list will need to be created

Canopy study grant – need an update from Adam Wellins (SC Agriculture). Can identify weather, terrain, etc. conditions.

V. Public comment and Closing remarks

PPP/Calhoun & New Castle/North St resident complained to Joe Macdermant about the Dominion tree cutting Looking Better Services. Dominion contacted the rep & confirmed that it meets the ANSI requirements. Residents state that it doesn't. Michael Andersen recommends having a City rep to file a complaint with the state if the cuttings don't meet the ansi requirements a300 pruning standards. PTAC will research this issue. Ask Adam Wellins who is the POC for the Dominion Project.

VI. Meeting Adjourned 4:17 pm.