



MINUTES

The City of Beaufort

PARK AND TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday July 23, 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

- Called to order by Barb Farrior
- In attendance physically: Barb Farrior (PTAC), Shay Mikell (PTAC), Adam Wellins (Public Works Park Supervisor), Nicolas Navia (Planning), Eric Claussen (Assistant City Manager)
- In attendance virtually: Bailey Kato-Dutton (Public Works Office Manager), Michael Andersen (PTAC)

II. Approval of Minutes for April 23rd meeting

- Michael Andersen motion to approve. Seconded by Shay Mikell. All in favor, motion carried.

III. Old Business

- Urban Renewal Plan Reforestation Species Discussion
 - i) Unable to work on plan until the study is complete. Adam Wellins still hasn't reopened the grant for the study. Can reach out to State for independent companies to do the study, but is an expensive option to finance/budget. Adam Wellins will reach out to Clemson Extension

for species list as well as Dominion Energy. Nick Navia looking into the Tree Fund to help offset costs of grant potentially.

- Driftwood Project

- i) Portion of the tree will be taken & given to Fleetwood Bradshaw for the artist to complete their project. Portion expected to be given on July 28. Map provided for traffic & facilitation information.

- Liberty Tree Planting Location

- i) Southside Park is confirmed as primary planting location. Adam Wellins provided update on its current living conditions at PW.

IV. New Business

- Charles and North Streets

- i) Per Eric Claussen, sycamore tree adjacent to church is there's an 8 inch sewer line & overhead electric running through the middle of the street. The stormwater infrastructure (60 inch pipe) needs to be on the south side of the street since the street is so narrow, which is in the root zone of the tree. Tree will need to be removed. SCDOT, SCORE & Gulfstream are involved parties with the infrastructure changes.
 - ii) *Dominion Energy* – Barb Farrior stating that the cutting is not following the ANSI guidelines. Booklet is recommended to be given to the city to understand. Michael Andersen asking what the next steps on remediation on how the company may say their following the rules, but may not actually be. Adam Wellins says landscaping standards are different than transmission standards. These cuts are performed every 5 years. Barb Farrior recommends putting info to local news & Michael Andersen recommends a direct message posted on the tree. Adam Wellins stated he has been onsite on these cutting changes & there is care from contractors following protocol.
- (1) PTAC vote of recommendation & motion for City of Beaufort advanced tree notice of trimming, pruning, or removal: Michael Andersen. Seconded by Shay Mikell.

(2) PTAC all in favor, motion passed.

iii) *Pat Conroy Tree* – tree canopy removed & wood distributed as such. Beaufort County is in charge of this tree.

V. Public Comment and Closing Remarks

VI. Meeting Adjourned – 4:22 PM