



CITY OF BEAUFORT
DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
1911 Boundary Street, Planning Conference Room, Beaufort, SC 29902
August 6, 2026 at 2:00 pm

I. Call to Order and Introductions 2:00 PM

Scott Marshall, City Manager – Welcomed the new members of the Board and the members introduced themselves and represented seat.

Members in attendance – Peggy Simmer, Reese Fazekas, Brenda Litchfield, Jeremiah Smith, Dick Stewart, Dr. Angela Simmons, Scott Lee, Courtney Worrell, Kevin Cuppia, Charlotte Lawrence and Lise Sundrla.

Members Absent – Jared Madison, Chris Ramm, Marilyn Harris, George Oehlert.

II. Election of Officers

- a. Chair – Jeremiah Smith nominated Peggy Simmer and Kevin Cuppia seconded. The motion carried.
- b. Vice Chair – Dick Stewart nominated Jeremiah Smith and Peggy Simmer seconded. The motion carried.
- c. Secretary/Liaison – The Board voted to have Co-Secretary / Liaisons and elected Charlotte Lawrence and Reese Fazekas to serve in that role to the City Staff who will prepare minutes and keep official records.

III. Administrative Considerations

- a. Meeting Schedule - meetings of the Board will be held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM. The Board will aim to keep the meetings to one hour in the interest of the members
- b. Attendance and Quorum – quorum to hold a meeting and vote is eight (8)

IV. Roles, Responsibilities, and Downtown Elements

The Board discussed the upcoming presentation of Studio Main draft report and the geographical boundaries within the Board's purview. The Resolution was not specific. Members asked what the Main Street jurisdiction was and it is defined as Carteret to Church Street and Craven Street to Bay Street which is the same as the City's Core Commercial Area.

Public Comment – Joe Macdermant – talked about long term residents who have lived in Beaufort and there should be consideration of what they want. He stated



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tourists come and go but residents stay here. He also reiterated the need to define what the downtown boundaries are.

Mission Statement – Peggy Simmer asked the Board if a Mission Statement was needed for the Board. And the Board voted to come back to discussing the Mission and Vision Statements after a few meetings.

Kevin Cuppia asked about deliveries downtown after 10 AM and taking up many parking spaces until almost noon. Chief Price and Park Beaufort confirmed they are aware of the issue and will work together to enforce the loading zone times.

Kevin Cuppia also asked about the semi-trucks traveling over Woods Bridge even though they are not allowed. Chief Price explained the officers are enforcing when infractions are observed. She also explained they have visited the large commercial businesses who receive deliveries to let them know about the restriction for the semi-trucks.

Charlotte Lawrence asked about unhoused in the downtown. She indicated she felt the population was increasing and how the Police were addressing the issue. Chief Price said they have partnered with local churches and will ask the unhoused where they are from and if they wanted to go back. If they agree, the churches will buy them a bus ticket and the Police will take them to the bus station so they can get back to where there services or family members to help them get back to their lives.

Courtney Worrell asked about panhandling and what to do if someone is asking for money. Chief Price said to call 911 and they will address the issue as it is happening.

City staff provided a notebook to each of the members with information to include Downtown Operations Budget, Events, Main Street, Parking Information, Parking Studies, Social District and Tours. City staff reviewed the documentation with the Board.



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Courtney asked for a possible improved signage around the construction site as well as at the Henry C. Chambers Park fence to make it friendly, good things are coming, informational as well as encouraging them to come back.

Charlotte Lawrence asked if the Board was going to address sidewalk issues, wheelchairs, accessibility and lighting downtown.

V. Adjourn **4:08 PM**

Peggy Simmer adjourned meeting at 4:08 PM