



## CITY OF FLORENCE

### PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

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**PRESENT:** Roger Malfatti, Alexis Fleming, Thomasina Foster, Nikki Player, Anna Belk-Wentzell, Barry Wingard, Bruck Mallick, Donnie Carter, James McLaughlin, Michael Montrose, Bubby Floyd.

**OTHERS:** Chuck Pope, Jerry Dudley, Victoria Nash, and Tim Wilson.

**ABSENT:** Jerry Keith, Simon Lee, Scott Murphy, Walter Sallenger.

#### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Roger Malfatti called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of the May 2021 meeting were approved.

#### **APPEARANCES/REQUESTS BEFORE COMMISSION:**

**Dr. Aaron Williams** – This will be a program saving our youth from trouble. It is a time where we will speak into the lives of youth to prevent community crime, premarital sexual activity, and drug usage. – **APPROVED**

**Ashley Abraham** – Event with poetry, singing and book reading. -**APPROVED**

#### **MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

No vacancies. There are ordinances and codes that enforce the fact that members can only miss three meetings in a twelve-month period. Zoom and in person meetings will continue, and members are asked to attend.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **Victoria:**

Summer Camp at the sites will begin June 14<sup>th</sup> and run through July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Maple Park Community Center (20), Levy Park Youth Center (15), Dr. Iola Jones Park Community Center (20), and the Barnes Street Activity Center (Tween Camp) are full. There are two vacant spots at the Northwest Community Center (13). These numbers of participants that are being allowed at each site are based on the sizes of the different sites.

We will be having a Daddy & ME kickball event at Freedom Florence honoring father's and father figures for Father's Day.

**Chuck:**

June 12<sup>th</sup> we will open for events, usage etc.

June 25<sup>th</sup> Florence After 5 Event.

City Council reconsidered the mask ordinance. Mask only for city buildings.

We hoped the playgrounds would be installed by now but because of back order, the playgrounds won't be installed until August.

Maple Park & McLeod baseball restrooms renovations starts now.

We are still working on the trails system. Currently trying to get an easement signed.

**Tim:**

Baseball is winding down. We are getting ready for the summer basketball league and track.

We have a Lacrosse tournament coming in with 40 teams at the Soccer Complex.

The Soccer Complex is currently closed for field maintenance.

We will have the Soccer Carolina Conference in November.

At Freedom Florence we have 40 teams for our softball showcase.

Pearl Moore has been a hit and miss on tournaments.

Playground bids excepted start in August.

Northwest Parking Lot bid open on Monday.

South Park parking lot and trail bid closes in 2 weeks.

**Old Business:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Tree Removal Requests**

## **Program Development**

### **Annual Plan Committee**

#### **Chuck:**

All to email annual plan to Victoria and/or Tim.

### **Bylaws Committee**

No Report

### **Arbor Day**

No Report

### **Trails**

### **Veterans Park**

#### **Barry:**

Barry has proposed a 9/11 ceremony to be held in the park. Barry contacted Shannon Tanner, Fire Chief, about the event. The fire Chief is reaching out for a speaker. Barry would like for the program to begin at 8:30AM with a welcome and the pledge.

#### **Chuck:**

Chuck responded, "Whenever Council opens their meeting to the public." in response to Barry's question, "Are we going before council?"

### **Park Oversight Committee**

Freedom Florence	Good	Bubby and Carlos
Dr. Iola Jones Park	Good	George
Jeffries Creek Park	Good	Barry
Levy Park	Good	James
Lucas Park	Good	Scott
Maple Park	Good	Thomasina
McLeod Park	Good	Bubby
Northside Park	Good	Thomasina
Northwest Park	Good	Anna
Rail Trail	Good	Walter
Soccer Complex	Good	Bruce and Donnie
South Park	Good	Roger
Timrod Park	Good	Nikki
Tennis Complex	Good	Alexis
Veterans Park	Good	Veterans Park Comm.

**New Business:**

**Meeting was called to adjournment.**