



## CITY OF FLORENCE

### PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

---

**PRESENT:** Roger Malfatti, James McLaughlin, Bruce Mallick, Michael Montrose, Donnie Carter, Nikki Player, Jerry Keith, Carlos Washington, Barry Wingard

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

**ABSENT:** Bubby Floyd, Simon Lee, Scott Murphy, Walter Sallenger, Sanovia Arcenaux, Alexis Fleming, Thomasina Foster, George Scipio, Anna Belk-Wentzell.

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

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

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

The minutes of the July 2021 meeting were approved.

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

**Frank McIntyre-** Frank McIntyre would like to host "Rally for Recovery" at Timrod Park. He will be playing music in the park. – **APPROVED**

**Wilbert Rice** – The Pee Dee Community Development Center - Northwest Park – Wilbert would like to host a community outreach event that would headline voters registration. - **APPROVED**

**Deborah Moses and Tonita Perry-** Deborah Moses and Tonita Perry would like to take part in Arbor Day. They are willing to be involved in the planning process. – **Pending Approval**

#### **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:**

##### **Tim:**

We had a great summer basketball league. Registration for football, soccer, and cheerleading has ended. We are getting ready for fall basketball, fall softball, and fall volleyball. Ultimate frisbee will possibly be added this year.

The new playground at Northwest should be completed by Friday, August 6th. The other parks will hopefully be completed by September. There is no date on the parking lot project at Northwest at this time. The Southpark fencing project was bid out, paving was signed, and the bathrooms at Maple Park and McLeod Park are almost complete.

**Jerry:**

The ten-year comp plan is to be rewritten. There is a strong emphasis on recreation and outdoor activities. Youth recreation, trail connectivity, sports, recreation, and trails were all ranked high from the community. Thirty-six to thirty-eight acres were added to the site. We currently have 4 miles out of the 10-mile goal for the mountain bike trail.

**Chuck:**

We plan to continue working on the landscape in the next 3 months at the Lawton-Chase House. The humane society is requesting the use of the house to host an event to recognize their sponsors.

The sports complex is moving along, an outline for completion is being defined now. Additional funds have been spent on unsuitable soil repairs. Unsuitable soil was found on the track. The expected cost is somewhere between \$250,000 and \$350,000. American rescue funds to the City totaled \$7,000,000. The city manager feels \$680,000 to finish the youth baseball fields at the new sports complex.

Chuck will be retiring from the City this afternoon for 30 days and then plans to return.

**Veterans Park**

**Barry:**

The 20th anniversary ceremony is to be held at the Veterans Park on September 11th at 8:30AM. It is expected to last no longer than 30 minutes. The small stage and PA system are ready to go for the event. The quilts of valor are in. We are short 13 apps for the Wall of Honor.

**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 adjourned.**