



## CITY OF FLORENCE

### PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 7, 2022

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#### **PRESENT:**

Roger Malfatti, Michael Montrose, Barry Wingard, Walter Sallenger, Bruce Mallick, Anna Belk-Wentzell, James McLaughlin

#### **OTHERS:**

Chuck Pope, Jerry Dudley, Tim Wilson, Victoria Nash, April Alston-Frederick

#### **ABSENT:**

Jerry Keith, Simon Lee, Donnie Carter, Alexis Fleming, Carlos Washington, James McLaughlin, Nikki Player, George Scipio, Thomasina Foster, Sanovia Arcenaux, Bubby Floyd, Scott Murphy

\*\*Jerry Keith call while we were in the meeting asking to join the Zoom meeting. He did not see the second email inference to the in-person meeting and no more Zoom meeting.\*\*

**\*\* The emergency mask ordinance expired on March 11; therefore, it is required that the meetings return to in-person. Attendance is a required duty of a member of the Parks and Beautification Commission.**

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

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

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

The minutes of the March 2022 meeting were approved.

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

- Tonita Perry with Florence Film Corporation
  - Pop-up dinner
  - Florence Soccer Complex
  - Saturday, May 14
  - They have done an event like this last year. We have met and discuss rules. They will provide the acquired insurance. It will be an outside event. It's a secret event and everything is dressed in white. They will be serving alcohol and they have the required license for this.
  - **Approved.**

- Lethonia Barnes along with Mingle of the Pee Dee
  - Community Summer Tour and Back to School Music Tour
  - Dr. Lola Jones Park, May 15
  - Levy Park, July 17
  - Northwest Park, Aug. 21
  - These events will be community-based events in the park to build engagement and increase the community moral. These will be family centered events with live music. She is aware of the insurance requirements and will provide before event.
  - **Approved**
- Michael Sparkman
  - Mr. Sparkman wants 2 trees removed at 422 South McQueen Street, Florence, SC and the neighbor to the north of Mr. Sparkman, which is a rental property, is in agreement. There are 2 magnolia trees in the right of way and oak trees as well. The roots are causing problems to the sewer system and the leaves are clogging the storm drainage in front of the houses. They are requesting that the City remove the trees. Jenny has reviewed the situation and agrees. The City is backed up projects, so Mr. Sparkman wants to pay a contractor to come and remove the trees. Once the trees are removed, crepe myrtle trees will replace them.
  - **Approved**
- Lula Taylor
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Vow renewal (The couple are veterans)
  - Veterans Park, Sept. 21, 2024.
  - We will revisit as it gets closer to the date. It was mentioned about the insurance for different events. Chuck will reach out to Risk Management to figure out when we should require insurance for events taking place at the parks.
  - **Approved**
- Jermaine Jett and Angela McCormick (Jermaine's father is a veteran.
  - Wedding Ceremony
  - Veterans Park, Sept. 17, 2022
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**MEMBERSHIP STATUS:**

Membership status is still full.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- **Chuck**
  - BonEFit will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Lawton-Chase House
  - When we start renting out the Lawton-Chase House individuals will have to get approved through the Parks. They will be responsible for providing their own chairs, tables, insurance, and licenses.
  - Budgets are completed we are \$4Mil over
  - The City is stretched very thin. The workforce has stayed the same. Money is tight.
- **Victoria**
  - Easter Egg Hunt at Northwest
  - Lucas Park Terrarium
  - Movie @ the Market
  - Spring Break Camp
- **Tim**
  - Basketball tournament this weekend.
  - Playgrounds are done.
  - Palmetto paving is behind

**Old Business:** Nothing

**Veteran's Park:**

- **Barry**
  - Suggested placing a temp plaque on the wall or honor until 36 names are submitted and approved
  - The Arizona monument has been cleaned
  - Charlie Caldwell wants to plant trees near WWI monument
  - The WWII monument is on track
  - Army Air Corp monument has a group who wants to sponsor it
  - Veterans Day- Lieutenant General Stacey Clariton will be the speaker
  - First Reliance Bank will clean the monuments

**Park Oversight:**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Meeting was adjourned**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

May 5, 2022

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