



Minutes
City of Hartsville South Carolina
Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 10 – 5:00pm

Electronically:

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act SC Code 30-4-80: Written notice was delivered to the press by email on Friday, February 5, 2021, and duly posted at 402 S Leesburg Street and on hartsvillesc.gov.

Members Present: Antonio de Ridder, Ken Hughes, Brent Beasley, Nique Knockemus

Members Absent: Rose Williams

Council Ex-Officio: Bobby McGee, absent

Staff Present: Russell Slatton, Adam Bedard, Alisha Belk

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Chair, Ken Hughes.

Minutes

Committee approved minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting. There was no meeting held in December 2020.

Discuss Pocket Parks- Tabled for next meeting

Update on 5/10k Routes

Russ advised the committee that SCDOT does not feel that the current route is safe unless it is being used for an even. Russ and the YMCA are working together to look for possible different route options.

Discuss Street Crossings

Russ has submitted the encroachment permits for Woodland and Dunlap with SCDOT and is waiting on approval. There would be signs put up by the City once approved. Antonio de Ridder asked that a few more be considered Railroad, Fourth St and Cargill Way, Power St at Dunlap and Power St at Fourteenth St, Barefoot at Carolina Avenue, Dunlap at Carolina and Woodland at Home. He is suggesting that a brightly painted line be put in to at least bring attention to the area but would really like to see some type of beacon and sign put in that bikers and walkers could press to alert oncoming traffic that someone is crossing and cause them to stop.

Discuss Bike to the Future

Antonio de Ridder invited Maggie Wensink, GSSM student, to present an idea about erecting Ghost Bike Memorials in the city; these memorials would be in memory of bikers and or pedestrians that were hit while biking or walking from Hartsville. The memorials would also be a symbol of advocacy and raise awareness for others in the community to remember to share the road. She suggested to raise two possible memorials for two people killed from Hartsville, Andy Kilpatrick and Patrick Sawyer and suggested one be erected at Kalmia Gardens by the plaque for Patrick Sawyer and somewhere along the bike path for Andy Kilpatrick. The committee will review and consider the proposal.

Parks and Recreation Manager Updates

- a. During the month of December new LED lights were installed at TB Thomas gym to help decrease power consumption.
- b. Recreation basketball has resumed with the county and will play through February.

- c. February 19th and 20th a regional Corn Hole tournament is being held at TB Thomas.
- d. Finalized 2021 baseball/softball tournaments for this year. There are 35 possible tournaments scheduled.
- e. There will be a charity fundraiser for Dylan Adams on Memorial Day weekend, expecting anywhere from 50-75 teams.
- f. Bathroom at the outdoor basketball court has started and should be completed by May 1st.

Brent Beasley asked Adam Bedard could they consider a covered picnic area by the playgrounds at Byerly Park to help shield parents and children from the sun when using the park there. Adam stated that he would have to look into this and get back with the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Ken Hughes, Chair

Date