



Minutes
City of Hartsville South Carolina
Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday August 11, 2021 – 5:00pm
The Coach TB Thomas Sports Center

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act SC Code 30-4-80: Written notice was delivered to the press by email on Monday August 9, 2021, and duly posted at 701 W. Washington Street and on hartsvillesc.gov.

Members Present: Ken Hughes, Antonio de Ridder, Nique Knockemus
Members Absent: Rose Williams, Brent Beasley
Council Ex-Officio: Bobby McGee
Staff Present: Adam Bedard, Charles Mullen, Brenda Kelley

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

Minutes

Hughes asked for any input on minutes from June and De Ridder pointed out correction needed from “Woodland Street” to “Woodland Drive.” Hughes then went on to state minutes were approved as corrected. Bedard stated about needing a second and all in favor to approve the minutes. Hughes then stated for the record, under “Roberts Rules of Order” a vote does not need to occur to approve the minutes. McGee agreed with Hughes on this. To follow procedure, Hughes then took a vote to approve the minutes as corrected and it was all ayes. Hughes made the motion, De Ridder seconded.

Oath of Office

Committee members Knockemus and de Ridder recited their oaths of office and signed their documentation to be submitted to the City Clerk. Beasley was absent to take oath.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

De Ridder nominated Knockemus for Vice Chair; second: Hughes; all ayes
Knockemus nominated De Ridder for Chair; second: Hughes; all ayes

Date, Time, and Location of Future Meetings

Committee will meet every other month on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm at The Coach TB Thomas Sports Center. The next meeting will be October 13, 2021 followed by December 8, 2021 respectively.

Skateboard Ordinance

Bedard began by offering the proposal of does the Parks Committee have a recommendation for City Council to amend the skateboard ordinance in prohibited areas or does the committee not have a recommendation. De Ridder inquired about if use of Bird Scooters is separate from skateboard ordinance and Bedard responded that yes, Bird Scooter use is handled separately. McGee noted that the Parks Committee is a “facilities” committee and anything related to policy and the changing of them is the responsibility of City Council. Hughes agreed with McGee and stated that ordinances and governance are beyond the scope of this committee. Hughes stated for the record “Parks Committee shall advise the Council, Planning Commission, City Manager, Public Works Department, and City Leisure Service Department on

issues pertaining to Parks.” Knockemus referenced previous discussion of a possible skate park which would fall in line with the scope of the Parks Committee. Hughes officially stated the committee does not have a recommendation to amend the ordinance but could look into the feasibility of a skate park. De Ridder did mention possible location of park at the empty parking near Coker University and the Governors School but Coker would need to be contacted on potential plans for that piece of land.

5k/10K Routes

Bedard began with an update from DOT that denied both crosswalk possibilities across Washington Street and Fourteenth Street. De Ridder questioned DOT’s involvement if City puts down crosswalks and Bedard stated that DOT must approve before City can put them in. Bedard did say that the City Public Service Department is willing to do the project on their own by painting the crosswalk on Woodland Drive based on prior approval from DOT. DOT did state they could allow the City to install “pedestrian” warning signs on the S-155 (Washington) approaches. The same option would be for the Fourteenth Street proposal as well. With the denial of the crosswalks, De Ridder inquired about a bike lane on Power Street between Fourteenth Street and Barefoot Street as an alternative. Bedard said he would talk with DOT about that possibility. New options for a 5K route were then discussed without use of Power Street with alternatives being through local neighborhoods toward Richardson Circle. Routes within Byerly Park complex were also discussed as some possibilities.

Bike Memorial

De Ridder began by saying he has attempted to contact both families of Sawyer and Kilpatrick without any success. De Ridder also provided updates on the Bike to the Future program saying the new team will be starting at the Governors School on Monday August 23 with a plan of establishing the streets around the Governors School as School Zones. McGee mentioned contacting Kyle Berry, the Darlington County Representative of DOT for more information on that.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm without objection.

Chair, Ken Hughes

Date