



Minutes
City of Hartsville South Carolina
Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday May 10, 2023 – 5:00pm
The Coach TB Thomas Sport Center

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act SC Code 30-4-80: Written notice was delivered to the press by email on Monday May 8, 2023 and duly posted at 701 W. Washington Street and on hartsvillesc.gov.

Members Present: Antonio de Ridder, Nique Knockemus, Brent Beasley, Rose Williams, Ken Hughes
Council Ex-Officio: Bobby McGee
Staff Present: Adam Bedard
Guest: Kenzie Delaine, Murry Briggs, Jorja Jersek, Michael Gardner, Jacinda Byam

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair, Antonio de Ridder.

Approval of minutes

Knockemus made motion to approve March 8th, 2023, minutes as presented, second by Hughes. Passed with all ayes.

Scope of Parks Committee

Bedard informed the committee that no update has been made to him regarding the new scope of the parks committee. Bedard said he would reach out to the city manager to see if there are any updates to present to the committee at the next parks meeting.

Bike to the Future Presentation

De Ridder introduced the Bike to the Future team and briefly explained what they would be talking about and then turned it over to Gardner to present first followed by Murray, Jersek and finally Byam. (Please see attached documents for their presentation materials). Delaine asked a question about regarding having to change the culture that bicycles are an accepted part of everyday life instead of them being a hindrance to car drivers. Delaine then followed up with how you make bicycles become a means of exercise and to encourage people to get out and exercise. De Ridder then asked if they could use the concept of the “Free Library” and add pieces of art to the parks to bring art to the park. Bedard then followed up by letting them know that the free library idea was a leadership Hartsville project and other ideas have been stimulated by these libraries.

Director updates

Bedard updated the committee that TB Thomas will be hosting a flyball event at TB Thomas on May 20- 21. Bedard then talked about what the flyball event was and how Hartsville has never had one of these events before and are in talks about hosting them every year.

Date, Time, and Location of future meetings

De Ridder discussed the next 2023 meeting will be June 14 at 5:00 pm at the TB Thomas Sports Center. De Ridder then informed the committee that he would not be in attendance for the June 14th meeting.

Williams made a motion to adjourn meeting, Knockemus second. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm

Antonio de Ridder, Chair

Date