



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 - 8:30 AM
BARNES STREET ACTIVITY CENTER - MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
513 BARNES ST
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes** Regular Meeting on
August 2026
- III. Appearances and Requests**
- IV. Membership Status(Quorum of 15 members is 8)**
- V. Staff Reports**
- VI. Old Business**
- VII. Committee Reports**

Tree Removal Request	
Program Development	Carlos
Annual Plan	Walter, Daryl, and Bruce
By-Laws	Walter, Daryl, and Bruce
Arbor Day	Carlos and Sanovia
Florence Trails	Bruce and Scott

VIII. Veterans Park

IX. Park Oversight

Freedom Florence	Carlos
Dr. Iola Jones Park	
Jeffries Creek Park	Ross
Levy Park	Josielle
Lucas	Wesley
Maple Park	Andrew
McLeod Park	
Northside Park	Jarvis
Mordecai C. Johnson Park	Darryl
Rail Trail	Walter
Soccer Complex	Bruce
Jebaily Park	Itisa
Timrod Park	Darryl & Itisa
Tennis Complex	Sanovia
Sports Complex	Sanovia
Veterens Park	Bruce
Rail Trail (Near Soccer)	Terrance
High Hill Creek	Scott
Lester Park	Jarvis

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for



CITY OF FLORENCE

PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 6, 2026

PRESENT:

Darryl Mitchell, Carlos Washington, Wesly Snow, Josiella McWhite-Williams, Andre Chaplin III, Curtis Reid Sturgeon, Pastor Martin Quick, Bruce Malick

OTHERS: April Frederick, Victoria Nash,

ABSENT:

Sanovia Arcenaux, Ross McMillian, Kiana Brown, Jarvis Eaddy, Terrance Legette, Walter Sallenger, Scott Murphy, Itisa Harley-Williams

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Motion to call the meeting to order:

Darryl Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:35AM.

Motion to move approval of minutes after New Business:

Motion second

Motion approved

APPEARANCES/REQUESTS BEFORE COMMISSION:

- Denise Flippend-Stewart – Harvest Festival In the Park
 - Location: Dr. Iola Jones Park
 - Date: Oct. 30, 2026
 - Time: 11:00am – 9:00pm
 - This event will have a petting zoo, food, games, music and other activities.
 - A question was asked will they move to other parks. They have decided to stay at one park for now until they grow in numbers.
- Jody Ransom – Cartoons in the Park
 - Location: Timrod Park near the grassy area
 - Date: Sept 5 or Sept 12
 - Time: 8:00am – 12:30pm
 - This event will have "Old School" cartoon in the park and serve pancakes.
 - They are partnering with Circle Park.

- They will have a 2nd date on October 17 but have not picked a location. It was mentioned to go to Lucas Park or Maple Park.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- The minutes for April 2026 meeting.
 - Motioned to approve minutes.
 - Minutes approved

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- Newest member is Pastor Martin Quick
- George Scipio resigned.

STAFF REPORTS:

- National Lights out
 - Dr. Iola Jones Park
 - Maple Park
 - Mall
 - Leatherman Center
- Jeffries Creek playground is on site. Rain delayed the installation.
- Timrod Amphitheater is complete.
 - We had Sounds of the Pee Dee – over 100 people attended.
- Tennis expansion – Kickoff meeting today.
- Pearl Moore expansion
 - We will not be able to build another building, so we will expand the current building.
 - We will purchase the 2 houses on the back side of the building, with that space we will add additional basketball courts and it will help grow our volleyball program.
- Football
 - Field 1 is almost complete, but we will be adding a net behind the goal post.
 - Evaluation is Saturday.
 - Open day - Sept 12 with all fields being complete.
 - Concession stand is completed by mid or end of September.
- Levy Park
 - Bid out by September.
- We have purchased a Jumbotron, that will be used by Flamingos and our department.
- Our Park Rengers have been a game changer.
- Oath at Veterans park repair

- Victoria will get a quote on fixing the Oath. Words are not correct.
- Registrations
 - Complete – Cheerleading, Football, and Soccer
 - Currently running – Volleyball, Baseball, Cross Country, and Softball

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORT

- **Tree Removal Request -**
- **Program Development**
- **Annual Plan –**
- **By-Laws**
- **Arbor Day –** Victoria mention about planting trees at the Freedom Florence.
- **Florence Trails –**

VETERANS PARK

- The next committee meeting, April will send out an email letting all veterans know their will be a veterans committee meeting after the parks commission meeting.
- Veterans Day Ceremony will always be held at the Florence Center. A concern was losing the veterans during the walk to Veterans Park. A suggestion was made to have a local band perform/parade to have people go to Veterans Park. Mrs. Josiele Williams will find the band to perform.

PARK OVERSIGHT

A question was asked about the bus tour. We will take the bus tour on Sept 3; the meeting will start at 8am.

- Any requests/presentation will be first.
- Then we will vote.
- Then we will get on bus at 8:15am.
- A question was brought up about people parking on the grass near the basketball court at Mordecai C. Johnson.
- Victoria stated she will speak with the Chief to speak with officers about people. She will get a quote for fencing around the court. We will be getting a smaller basketball court for smaller children.

NEW BUSINESS/REQUEST

Motion to move approval of June minutes

Motion second

Motion approved

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE TIME: 9:20am

Motion second.

Moved to Executive Time

RESUME OPEN SESSIONS: 9:22am

- **Motion to Approve:** Denise Flippend-Stewart – Harvest Festival In the Park
- **Motion second**
- **Motion approved**

- **Motion to Approve:** Jody Ransom – Cartoons in the Park
- **Motion second**
- **Motion approved**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:23am

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 3