

MINUTES

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
THE MEETING WAS HELD AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER ZOOM
AT CITY HALL**

5:00 P. M., JUNE 6, 2023

Caitlin Cook, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Charleston City Council Committee on Parks and Recreation to order at 5:00p.m., June 6, 2023.

Committee Members Present:

Caitlin Cook, Chair
Bruce King, Vice Chair (arrived at 5:13)
Patrick Salango
Frank Annie
Chad Robinson

Committee Members Absent:

Michael Ferrell
Pat Jones

Other Councilmembers Present:

A roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was not present.

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1. Accepting Aflac donation –

Councilmember Cook introduced Erin Dempsey, who is working through Aflac with Health Right through a community grant project. They are considering putting a bench at Magic Island where it is needed. Councilmember Cook added that Council approval is not needed, but the Administration does want it to be approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Dempsey added that their team worked to design the benches. They are responsible for facilitation the location and installation of the benches. Health Right is the second recipient of the 2023 Community CareGrants. Aflac has specifically requested their bench be placed at the specified Magic Island location with a dedication ceremony on June 21.

Councilmember Cook added that Health Right also wanted the bench to be at Magic Island as it adds to the park neighborhood and the walkability of the area.

Dempsey added that Aflac would like to install the bench prior to the dedication ceremony date. They would like the Committee to recommend a spot in that area.

With no objection from members being present, the Chair declared the acceptance of the bench from Aflac as approved.

As to the specific location, Councilmember Cook advised that the closer to the river, the more likely the bench would take on water from flooding. She added that there is not a bench by the bath houses, near the splash pad. Councilmember Annie agreed.

With no objection from members being present, the Chair declared the location of the new bench to be near the splash pad as approved.

Councilmember Annie motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Salango seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.