

Town of Yemassee
Section 504 Committee Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2022 / 1:00PM
Yemassee Municipal Complex, Conference Room, 101 Town Cir, Yemassee, SC 29945

Present: Matthew Garnes, Stephen Henson, and Robert Steif

Absent: Brenetta Solomon and Verlynda Singleton

Staff Present: None

Media Present: None

Call to Order:

The Section 504 Committee meeting was called to order at 1:12PM by Matthew Garnes

Determination of Quorum:

Present Committee members were Mr. Garnes, Mr. Henson and Mr. Steif. Committee members Ms. Solomon and Ms. Singleton were absent.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Mr. Garnes presented the meeting minutes from the October 4, 2022, Section 504 Committee meeting and asked if there were any comments. Mr. Henson made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022, Committee Meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Steif. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Mr. Garnes presented a progress report on three properties.

- i. Yemassee Municipal Complex, 101 Town Cir.
 - a. Last month we ordered and installed the new mirror in the lobby restroom. The Town is seeking quotes on restriping the parking lot which would allow us to create a van accessible parking spot.
- ii. Yemassee Community Center, 10 Mixson St.
 - a. Mr. Garnes stated the Town had to replace the stove in the Community Center after the previous one was damaged beyond repair within the last month. The new stove is a gas range and Mr. Garnes wanted to check if there were any special considerations with respect to accessibility with the stove.
- iii. Town Hall Ballfield Restrooms, 101 Town Cir.
 - a. Grab bars have come in and we need to order signage for the outside of the stalls indicating the restroom is handicapped accessible.

Mr. Garnes presented a brief overview of a Public Project Application the Town has submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration to forward the request to Town Council for a sidewalk extension project on Castle Hall Rd. Mr. Garnes reported that Beaufort County has established a "Good Neighbor Fund", which utilizes ARP funds the County received and then

earmarks funds out to municipalities within the County for qualifying infrastructure projects. Since the funds came from Beaufort County, their only request was that the project be within the Beaufort County side of Yemassee. This project will extend the sidewalk from the current terminus of Wall Street and Castle Hall Road, down Castle Hall Road approximately 1,400 linear feet to the second entrance of the Yemassee Heights / Beaufort Housing Authority project. This will allow residents to safely walk into Town by getting them off the road. Additionally, lighting, stormwater and streetscapes will be installed. Beaufort County will present the application to Planning Commission in December.

Mr. Garnes reported on an additional Public Project application for the development of a new town park at 14/16 Wall Street- next to the Marine Corps Mural. Discussion was had regarding how to make handicapped parking available off the street. Mr. Garnes remarked that the adjacent property, the abandoned railroad bed is currently owned by Beaufort Jasper Water & Sewer Authority (BJWSA). Mr. Garnes will contact their General Manager, Joe Mantua and ascertain the feasibility of procuring an easement for handicapped parking.

Adjournment:

Mr. Garnes asked for a motion to adjourn at 1:42 PM. Motion by Mr. Steif, Second by Mr. Henson. All in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Section 504 Committee will be held on
December 6, 2022, at 1:00PM.