

Sands Beach TaskForce Meeting

1/30/25

Meeting came to order at 4:01pm. All members in attendance except Shelley.

Minutes from Jan 9 meeting approved.

Clean up of trees was complimented, and the Island Packet meeting was discussed and summarized.

The group discussed the benches, hoping to go in a more organic, natural direction. They reviewed a backless timber/lumber bench that seemingly fit the park.

The group discussed concrete picnic tables, which were supported for the park. They do not think we need covered benches similar to the ADA Playground.

They then discussed the shape/size of the pavilion, option for something smaller, probably square versus rectangular. It should have power and movable tables for potential performances. It should be close to the road for loading/unloading, but also adjacent to the large green area. A fire pit should also be included and nearby, so having water is a necessity.

They do want to see swings, but as simple and as transparent(not blocking views) as possible. They also think that there should be some unique benches wrapped around some of the trees, more artistic in look.

The group agreed upon more unique/artsy bike racks. They also want to overlooks to enjoy the views, with only one needing a view finder, preferably the one located further away from the shore that would look out to the Beaufort River and Battery Creek.

Lighting should not be intrusive and downward aiming, along the trail and similar to what is at Whitehall. However, the casing for the lights should be different and complementary to the park.

The group is still contemplating a potential name for the park, and the public still has time to offer recommendations.

The group agreed to meet again on 2/20. The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.