The Livability Committee of Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, December 18, 2017, in County Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties. The following were in attendance: Honorable Justin Bradley, Chairman; and Honorables Jeff Horton and David Britt, Committee Members; along with Honorables Michael Brown, Whitney Farr, Bob Walker, and Roger Nutt, Council Members. Also attending were Katherine O'Neill, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, County Attorney.

I. Chairman Bradley called the meeting to order.

II.
A. Mr. Joe Wilson representing the Blueways Coalition and the Middle Tyger Chamber presented the Blueways Coalition Report and Request. The Blueways Coalition has worked together to establish asset improvement priorities and project implementation plans for river access throughout the County. Mr. Wilson reported on initial project priorities for the Tyger River. (Presentation included in backup) The Tyger River Watershed and Quality of Life Fund, under the auspices of the Greater Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce (a 501(C)6 nonprofit organization) and The County Foundation, The Middle Tyger Area Council has brought together a number of partners to manage the Tyger River Watershed and Quality of Life Fund as 501(C)3 nonprofit. Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Kody Crawford. Through some grants the Tyger River Foundation has been able to obtain, Mr. Crawford has been hired as a fulltime Project Manager. Originally from Arizona, Mr. Crawford studied Environmental Studies at Prescott College. He has worked for Arizona Conservation Corps as a Corpsmember and Crew Leader for two years. He interned for the National Forest Service mapping rare and invasive species, and also worked for Americorps VISTA for two years in West Virginia developing the Guyandotte Water Trail. The Tyger Greenway and Blueway Initiative is to transform our County's hidden treasures to provide thriving, walkable, bikeable,
paddle friendly communities designed for people of all ages and all abilities, creating economic development as an outgrowth of active and passive recreation opportunities. The Tyger Greenway and Blueway Initiative supports Spartanburg County’s Strategic Plan and Tourism Action Plan. Tygerberry Landing has already started. Phase One was paid by the Tyger River Foundation. Phase Two is estimated to cost approximately $40,000. Property for the Cooley Landing project was just acquired. Beech Springs Landing is the third project. Signage and parking is needed for this project. Project Four will be to put in dockage under the American Disabilities Act. The total cost for this project for two landings is approximately $60,000. Project Five is Nesbitt Shoals Park. It needs upgrades in the amount of $35,000. The total request is for $150,000 to put toward $264,000 overall project cost. The $150,000 in funding has already been allocated towards the Tyger River Blueways development. The Spartanburg County Foundation #2019/Fyre River Watershed and Quality of Life Fund has been set up. Motion made by Mr. Britt to accept priorities and authorize $150,000 in funding that has already been allocated toward the Blueways development for the Tyger River. Motion seconded by Mr. Horton and carried.

B. Information received regarding activities of the Parks Department.

Meeting adjourned.