



June 10, 2025

Agenda Item: Dedication Ceremony – Beulah Franklin Park Gazebo and Entry Signs

Summary:

The Town of Micanopy recently completed the construction of a new gazebo at Beulah Franklin Park and installed updated entry signs marking key entrances to our historic community. These enhancements were made possible through the support of generous benefactors and the hard work of Town staff. To recognize these contributions and formally commemorate these improvements, staff recommends holding a small dedication ceremony at Beulah Franklin Park.

Proposed Plan:

A joint dedication event will be scheduled at the park, where we will formally unveil and celebrate both the new gazebo and the entry signs. All benefactors, donors, and contributors to the projects will be invited to attend. The ceremony will include brief remarks, recognition of those involved, and light refreshments.

Purpose:

This event will serve to publicly acknowledge the individuals and organizations who contributed to these enhancements and to reinforce community pride in our public spaces. It is also an opportunity for the Commission and residents to come together in appreciation of the ongoing efforts to beautify and improve Micanopy.

Request:

Staff proposes holding the joint dedication ceremony on **Friday, July 4, 2025, at 12:00 PM** at **Beulah Franklin Park**. Based on prior discussions with Commissioners, there is general support for scheduling the event as part of the Town's Independence Day activities. Staff seeks formal acknowledgment from the Commission to proceed with planning and promotion of the ceremony, and to begin issuing invitations to benefactors and the public.