

**ORIGINAL**

**RESOLUTION NO.: R-2026-006**

*Approving the Honorary Placement of a Bench and Plaque at the Paw Path within Rosewood Park in honor of Annette H. Boette*

WHEREAS, Ms. Annette H. Boette supported the Columbia Police Department’s K-9 Team by starting a protective vest drive that ensured all K-9 officers received them; and

WHEREAS, she maintained a special relationship with the K-9 Team and created lasting traditions to honor each K-9, including memorial bricks along the Rosewood Park Paw Path; and

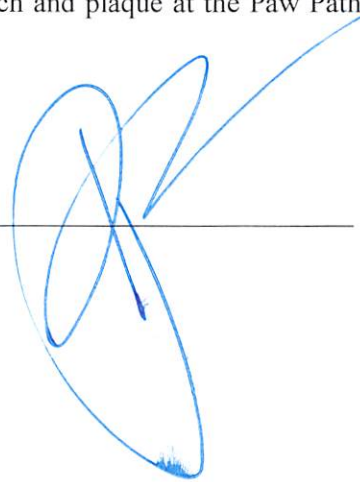
WHEREAS, Ms. Boette’s enduring commitment to the community, her compassion for animals, and her unwavering dedication to service and education have left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing her; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, that the Mayor and City Council hereby approve the honorary placement of a bench and plaque at the Paw Path within Rosewood Park in honor of Annette H. Boette.

Requested by:

Councilman Edward H. McDowell, Jr.

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Mayor



Approved by:

  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Introduced: 01/06/2026  
Final Reading: 01/06/2026



## PUBLIC ART PLACEMENT APPLICATION

Please see submission checklist for materials necessary for application.  
**SUBMISSION MATERIALS MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION.**  
Application form and materials are **DUE AT 4:00 p.m.** thirty (30) days prior to installation.

- Is the designation:
- Public Art
  - Statue
  - Monument / Memorial
    - Individual Commemoration
    - Organization Commemoration
    - Event Commemoration

- Checklist:
- Application
  - Council Members (District and one At-Large Sponsor)
  - 3 Letter(s) of Support
    - One letter expressing Community support
    - One letter expressing Neighborhood/Neighborhood Association or Merchant Association support
    - One letter expressing Councilmembers' support

  
Applicant Signature\*

jen@animalmission.org

Email Address

Jen Coody

Print Name

Mailing Address

803-479-2096

Phone Number

5/22/25

Date

Check and initial acknowledging application requirements.

- JC   Artist Information, Description and photos of artwork.
- JC   Any changes to initial request must be made in writing no more than 30 days prior to art placement.
- JC   Artwork and resolution must be finalized at least 30 days prior to placement.
- JC   Applicant must provide letter(s) of support as outlined in the above checklist.



PUBLIC ART PLACEMENT APPLICATION

1. Name of individual, organization, or event to be commemorated:

Annette H. Boette

2. Title of Artwork:

Plaque on a bench at The Paw Path - 901 South Holly Street

3. Attach a sheet describing the significant contribution (s) this individual, organization, or event has made in the community (no more than one-page)

4. Location, date, and time of unveiling ceremony (if approved):

*The placement of public art within the City's right-of-way shall adhere to the City of Columbia encroachment ordinance process.*

Not requested

5. District Council Member Sponsor: Will Brennan

At-Large Council Member Sponsor: Aditi Bussells

**FOR STAFF USE:**

Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee:  Endorsed  Rejected

One Columbia Review:  Approved  Rejected

Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee:  Endorsed  Rejected

Public Works:  Approved  Rejected

Parks and Recreation:  Approved  Rejected

Support Services:  Approved  Rejected

Public Safety:  Approved  Rejected



October 14, 2025

Chanique Belton  
Legislative Chief of Staff  
Office of the Mayor and Columbia City Council

Dear Ms. Belton,

Our organization wishes to share our full support for the proposed bench, honoring Annette Boette, to be located at our memorial Paw Path garden inside of Rosewood Park. The bench will be a special way for her friends and family to celebrate her life and many contributions to the City of Columbia, and will be located in a place that was extremely close to her heart. Her dedication to Columbia Police Department's K9 team was unlimited and her generosity was as well.

If there is any way that we can further assist with the completion of this worthwhile project, please let me know. We are honored to be part of this tribute to one of CPD's most loyal supporters, and our dear friend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen Coody".

Jen Coody  
Executive Director  
Animal Mission  
127 Humane Lane  
Columbia SC 29209  
jen@animalmission.org

**Letter of support from friend and community member, Ann Yancey:**

**“Following a long illness, Annette Hairston Boette passed away on the day before Thanksgiving in 2024. She spent a lifetime making her community a better place, first in a career as a social worker and then, following her retirement, as a constant force for doing good things in Columbia.**

**Annette recognized the need for protective vests for the Columbia Police Department’s K9’s. With the help of friends, she began an initiative to make this happen. We all remember getting the “We have a new K9 and I need you to write a check” phone call. Now, years later, vests are issued to all K9’s by the department.**

**She had a special relationship with the K9 division of the CPD, caring for the welfare of both the human and K9 officers. Each K9 who joined the department receives a dark blue towel with their name embroidered in gold. And each K9 who passes away is remembered with a brick on Annette’s beloved Rosewood Park Paw Path. Her friends intend to carry on this tradition.**

**To honor her memory, these same friends have raised the money to purchase a bench to be installed at the Paw Path. The Police Department helped craft the inscription in her memory, and we are just awaiting approval by City Council. We hope to have this completed in a timely manner so her friends and her family can have this memorial to celebrate her legacy.”**



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL

October 14, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Councilwoman Bussells and myself, we are pleased to extend our support for the bench placement honoring Ms. Annette H. Boette at The Paw Path located at 901 South Holly Street.

Ms. Boette's enduring commitment to our community, her compassion for animals, and her unwavering dedication to education and service have left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing her. A bench along The Paw Path a place that symbolizes care, companionship, and connection would be a fitting tribute to her legacy.

This gesture would not only honor Ms. Boette's memory but also serve as a place of reflection and inspiration for others who walk the path she helped shape. I sincerely hope this proposal receives the thoughtful consideration it deserves.

Thank you for your time and for all you do to support meaningful community recognition.

Warm regards,

William Brennan  
District III

Aditi Bussells  
At-Large Councilwoman

## Belton, Chanique J

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**From:** Jen Coody <jen@animalmission.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2025 12:54 PM  
**To:** Belton, Chanique J  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Memorial Bench at the Paw Path  
**Attachments:** Application - Paw Path Bench R\_2024\_063.pdf; Annette's Bench.docx

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Hey good afternoon Ms. Belton—

Thank you so much for sending this application for the placement of the bench and plaque at the Paw Path! I'm attaching a completed version for you, and I have spoken with both city council members listed to confirm their support of the project. I'm also attaching a letter of support from one of the community members who is organizing the purchase of the bench, as well as an image of the bench/plaque that we are proposing to purchase. We're open to any color or style of bench, if something else would be preferable....this is just what we've found as our favorite option so far.

Thank you again for your help and please just let me know if anything else is needed?

Have a great afternoon,

JEN

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Jen Coody  
Animal Mission  
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803-479-2096  
@AnimalMission

On May 12, 2025, at 12:11 PM, Belton, Chanique J <Chanique.Belton@columbiasc.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon-

Attached is the application for the art placement.

Should you have any questions please let me know.

All the best

Chanique

**Chanique J. Belton, MPA**  
Legislative Chief of Staff

Mayor/City Council  
City of Columbia

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