

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2023
RECREATION & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
Town Council Chambers**

Members Present:

Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor, Chairman
Mr. Jay Savage, Councilman
Ms. Donna Leonard

Members Absent:

Mr. Chris Bott, Vice Mayor

Council and Staff Present:

Ellen Richardson, Councilwoman
Michael T. Tolbert, Town Manager

Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Chairman Taylor opened the public comment.

There was discussion about the Dog Park and the personal affects of users being left at the park, cleaning up the Hallie Whealton Smith Nature Trail, putting a storage container at the Dog Park for their personal items.

Town Manager Tolbert advised that the benches were delivered, but they waited for this meeting to determine placement.

They discussed placement of the benches, the sail shade, and relocating the fire hydrant.

Councilman Taylor asked how long it would be to get the sail shade in and installed.

Town Manager Tolbert advised it will take about 30 days.

Councilman Taylor feels the Hallie Whealton Smith Nature Trail needs to be cleaned up.

There was discussion about putting something under the water station and adding stone at the gate. They further discussed cleaning up the Hallie Whealton Smith Nature Trail of fallen and leaning trees.

There was discussion about putting sail shading at the small dog area, placement of the benches, and possibly adding a picnic table in the Dog Park.

Town Manager Tolbert asked those present if they would wear their Dog Park Permits. He explained further and advised a police officer will be checking passes. He also stated that they plan to put a camera in the Dog Park along with an AED.

There was discussion about possibly putting in a port-a-let, and reducing the rate for the Dog Park. They also talked about the new boat ramp at Memorial Park. There was also a discussion about graffiti.

Ms. Leonard asked for an update on Brianna's Kindness Park.

Town Manager Tolbert advised of the orders, estimated deliveries, and surveillance placement.

There was discussion about a trail, basketball court, benches, a reading library, signage, and murals.

Agenda Adoption

(The agenda was not adopted.)

Consider Dog Park Improvements – Bench Placement, Shade, Water Fountain

(This item was discussed under public comment.)

Adjournment

Councilman Savage motioned, seconded by Ms. Leonard to adjourn the meeting. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.