

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2022
RECREATION & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
Council Chambers**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Chris Bott, Vice Mayor
Mrs. Mollie Cherrix

Council and Staff Present:

Michael T. Tolbert, Town Manager
Harvey Spurlock, Public Works Director

Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Chairman Taylor opened the public comment.

- Ms. Cindy Faith, Community House, presented the Committee with a check in the amount of \$48,602.76 for the Brianna's Kindness Park. She advised there have been many donors and their fundraising efforts have come to an end. As the Brianna's Kindness Park is still in the process for completion, she asked that this donation be earmarked for projects that have already been discussed by the RCEC. She listed: the addition of shades, planning of the hangout section, and making a handicapped accessible area on the playground. She also stated that if the need comes up in the future, they will be happy to step up to the plate. Ms. Faith stated that the Town has done a tremendous job on this project as it is a tremendous asset to this community.

The Committee thanked her and all who helped raise funds.

Ms. Faith also stated they are prepared to complete the forms for a variance to consider approval of a mural in the downtown area.

Agenda Adoption

Councilman Savage motioned, seconded by Ms. Leonard to adopt the agenda as presented. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Consider Memorial Park Bench

Town Manager Tolbert reviewed the requests and placement of benches for Mariner's Point and Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park.

There was discussion.

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

They further discussed placement of one bench at Mariner's Point in length.

Ms. Leonard motioned, to put Mrs. Nancy Conklin's bench at the Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park and Mr. & Mrs. Goonz bench at the Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park pier. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Ms. Leonard asked if they wanted to table the request for the bench at Mariner's Point.

The Committee agreed.

Review Tennis and Pickleball Rehabilitation Schedule

Public Works Director Spurlock advised the contractor will be here in 2 or 3 weeks to complete the basketball and tennis courts. He also reported that Branscome is going to pave the parking lot at the Amrien Center and pickleball court tomorrow.

There was brief discussion.

Ms. Leonard reviewed a list of projects which included, the frame for the mural at the Brianna's Kindness Park, exercise equipment, the artist for the murals, the hangout area, Little Libraries, and a banner.

There was discussion.

Ms. Leonard continued with the list and requested to move the rock at the Leonard Park. She also discussed the Downtown Revitalization and suggested looking into the Main Street Program.

They further discussed the requirements and specifics of the Main Street Program and possible incentives for the business owners.

Ms. Leonard feels the best thing to revive the downtown area is sewage.

The Committee further discussed the potential businesses in the downtown area with sewage, the mural proposal, the Little Libraries, and shading at the Brianna's Kindness Park.

Town Manager Tolbert advised of the plans for Council recognition of the CHS Girls Sports Teams for sweeping District Champions in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball.

Adjournment

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