

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2022
RECREATION & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
Council Chambers**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Chris Bott, Vice Mayor
Mrs. Mollie Cherrix

Council and Staff Present:

Michael T. Tolbert, Town Manager

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Chairman Taylor opened the public comment.

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.

Dog Park Shade

Councilman Taylor suggested they add discussion regarding shading at Brianna's Park and the Dog Park. He stated that they can do 3) 6' x 6' shades at the Dog Park. He prefers anything that doesn't have a pole that would be placed inside the Dog Park. There was further discussion as to placement.

Ms. Leonard also suggested adding bench seating at the Brianna's Kindness Park. She also stated that the Library Board has approved the Lending Library.

They continued with the discussion of placement and type of the shade structure at the Brianna's Kindness Park. They further discussed the Lending Library and possibly having the Public Works staff make it.

Surveillance Cameras

Councilman Taylor stated that they need cameras at the Brianna's Kindness Park, the Robert N. Reed Park, and Veterans' Memorial Park.

Town Manager Tolbert advised they received a quote for all parks as a package, which includes, the Harbor, Robert Reed Park, Brianna's Park, including the Amrien gym, Memorial Park, and the Municipal Center. He explained further the number of cameras for each facility. He advised

it is expensive and suggested doing this in phases. He also stated that the Public Safety Committee could review this. Discussion continued.

Councilman Savage asked about the different types of panning for the cameras.

There was further discussion about types of cameras and monitoring to eliminate problems.

License Plate Readers

Councilman Taylor feels that license plate readers should fall under Public Safety as well.

Town Manager Tolbert advised he and Chief Fisher has looked into this and the units are inexpensive, however there is a maintenance fee of \$5,000 per year. He explained how the license plate reader was created. He advised that if you're looking for a specific type and color of vehicle, it will alert you.

Mariner's Point Restrictions

Committee Member Comments/Other Discussion

Councilman Taylor stated they have a tremendous open space at Memorial Park in the ballfield. He expressed the need for open space and gave an example of a helicopter landing area. He suggested adding football goal posts and soccer goals on the baseball field. He added that this would create more uses of the open space. There was brief discussion as to where to put in a beach volleyball court at Memorial Park. They also want better maintenance of the ballfield.

Ms. Leonard suggested a yoga sling. She feels it may entice the teens.

Councilman Taylor asked for signage to keep bicycles and scooters off the tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts. He asked if the Town would spend money to level the ballfield and install the beach volleyball court. There was further discussion about what upgrades and changes they could make to Memorial Park, and the current use.

Councilman Taylor also asked Town Manager Tolbert to look into rubber flooring at the Amrien Center gym.

Ms. Leonard mentioned the e-scooters and e-bikes and feels Chief Fisher should have a presentation at the schools about the rules of the road.

Town Manager Tolbert advised the Chief Fisher has already talked to the principal at the high school about this.

Councilman Savage suggested including a flyer as well. There were further comments.

Ms. Leonard asked about the status of the restrooms at the Chamber of Commerce circle.

Town Manager Tolbert responded the Town has applied for a \$100,000 grant and will hear this year if they will be a recipient. There was brief discussion.

Adjournment

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