

## **VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2023 MEETING**

In attendance:

Members: Larry Mead, Jay Chase, George Kerr, Holly Korda, Tina Kelly (FaceTime), Mike Dickinson, Public Works Operations Manager Lisa Wilson

Also attending: Council Chair Shawn O'Neil, Town Manager Diana Asanza, Brent Bridges from Woodward/Curran Engineering

Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Mead.

The Committee accepted the minutes of the September meeting.

Public Works updates presented by Lisa Wilson: bathrooms have been closed for the season. The park lawn areas have been aerated. DPW is still working on: quotes for bath fans for the restrooms, quotes for the curbing next to the Dollar Store and a decision on whether to order mats for the swing area at the playground. Lisa, Larry and Jay met with Jackson's Tree Service to identify work needed with a goal of completing by early winter.

The refurbishing of existing monument plaques has been completed and two new plaques added: one honoring Korea and Vietnam war veterans and one honoring those who served during the Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns.

Brent Bridges from Woodward & Curran spoke with the committee members about proposed capital improvements within the park in the context of the available estimated funds of \$700,000. Work options include:

- Accessible access to monument area at top of knoll
- Enhanced hardscape and lighting of monument area
- Upgrading pedestrian entrances
- Re-surfacing / grooming walkways
- Upgrading lighting
- Landscaping
- Upgrading electrical
- Expanding irrigation

It was his opinion that, given our current budget of 700K, we could accomplish most of our goals, depending on the specific choices made regarding the walkways and lighting. He estimated that to accomplish everything would cost more than 700K but less than 1 Mil. There was discussion regarding a desire for Woodward and Curran to provide surfacing options for the walkways, edging and width of walkways and a uniquely different surface leading up to the monument. We also discussed the height of the pedestrian lighting (10-12') and whether to incorporate additional benches or sitting walls into the new design. At the November VMPC meeting, Woodward and Curran will present a visual graphic of potential capital improvements, preliminary opinion of cost, and a projected project timeframe.

[Meeting adjourned at 5:00, the next meeting will be Tuesday 11-21-23](#)

Respectfully submitted by Mike Dickinson