



## Meeting Minutes

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Wednesday, March 1, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, 6th Floor Conference Room

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#### SPECIAL MEETING

##### A. Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Mejia called the meeting to order and a quorum was established with Vice Chair Twila Stevens absent.

##### B. Unfinished Business - Discussion & Possible Action

###### 1. **23-0394** Sherrill Park Master Plan: Presentation by Turner-Ramirez Architects

Phillip Ramirez, Principal architect with Turner-Ramirez Architects, presented item "1" as show above. The conceptual renderings for Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park (SVMP) detail the proposal of additional monuments and amenity improvements. At present, Sherrill Park does not include memorials dedicated to each branch of the armed services. The intention is to provide appropriate memorials to honor each branch for individual contributions. It is proposed to rearrange the placement of existing monuments to provide a more organized and thoughtful approach to the course of the Park. Mr. Ramirez stated that branches/memorials could be placed in chronological order and respective to a specific war. It is also planned to elevate existing memorials that are placed in the ground to allow for improved viewing.

Several additional monuments have been offered to enhance the Park. One being a "main-sail" from the USS City of Corpus Christi submarine; a US Army UH-1 and a Bell Huey Helicopter. A larger shade structure is a proposed amenity in the Plan and highlighted as a central gathering point of the Park. It is designed with amphitheater like seating to accommodate events and the Veteran's Band; to provide sufficient shade/wind protection. Mr. Ramirez also pointed out a proposed, new SVMP park entrance sign to encourage visitation.

After the presentation, the floor was opened for PRAC comments/questions. A handout was provided to PRAC members cataloguing public input from the two Community Engagement meetings that took place on February 15, 2023 and February 23, 2023. PRAC favored the idea of interactive features such as "QR Code" signs to provide educational information.

Robert McNabney asked if it would be possible to obtain and feature the entire USS Corpus Christi submarine and not just the main sail. Thomas Cronnon raised a question asking if City Staff has considered expanding SVMP to include Old City Hall Park. During future construction, a concern was expressed for the possible relocation of SVMP ceremonies and where they could be held. Chair Mejia suggested that tree planting include other local trees besides palm trees. PRAC also asked if a total budget has been determined for the Plan; if enhancements will be considered for Capital Improvement Projects. It was also noted that a budget for maintenance will need to be considered.

After the discussion concluded, PRAC unanimously approved a motion of support for the conceptual Master Plan and the City's effort to enhance Sherril Veterans Memorial Park. PRAC further asked City Staff that they be periodically updated regarding project schedule and milestones.

**C. Public Comment**

As a point of order, Chair Mejia opened the public comment period. The public comment period was closed with no one coming forward.

**D. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.