



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 8/8/2023

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to waive fees for the Vet Fest Mass Gatherings and facility permits, permit the use of Bates & Dickey Parks and Bates pavilion, and permit the consumption of alcohol within city parks.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA

FUNDS REQUESTED: NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Warrior's Refuge is a 501©3 transitional housing facility for homeless or at risk of homeless veterans. The Warrior's Refuge has been actively engaged in the fight against veteran homelessness for four years.

The Warriors Refuge approached Chris Whittaker about transferring their annual fundraising event to Angleton. The Warriors Refuge is requesting the following:

- Fees be waived for the Mass Gatherings Permit fee and facility permits for their annual fundraiser scheduled for November 11, 2023, from 10am – 8pm at Dickey and Bates Parks.
- Use of Bates Park Pavilion for the event.
- City Council's authorization to permit the possession, consumption, use or drinking of alcoholic beverages at the event within Dickey and Bates Parks as long as the mass gatherings permit designates the name and contact information of the person(s) who will be responsible for the event, including the date and time period for which the permit or reservation shall be in effect, and the precise location where the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverage pursuant to the permit shall be located. The city may request a hold harmless indemnification agreement for such an event at the discretion of the city.

The event will consist of a motorcycle ride into the park, bicycle show, car show, activities for kids including pony rides, disc golf tournament, cornhole tournament, live music, live and silent auction, 40-60 veteran resource and vendor booths, and food trucks with an Angleton food permit.

Funds for partnership sponsorships and booth spaces as well as live and silent auction items are being solicited as part of their fundraising efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council discuss and consider action to waive fees for the Vet Fest Mass Gatherings and facility permits, permit use of Bates & Dickey Parks and Bates pavilion, and permit the consumption of alcohol within city parks.