

Veteran's Memorial Park Enhancement Options

City Council Meeting

December 2, 2025

Purpose

 To give staff direction on possible enhancements to the Veterans Memorial Park area





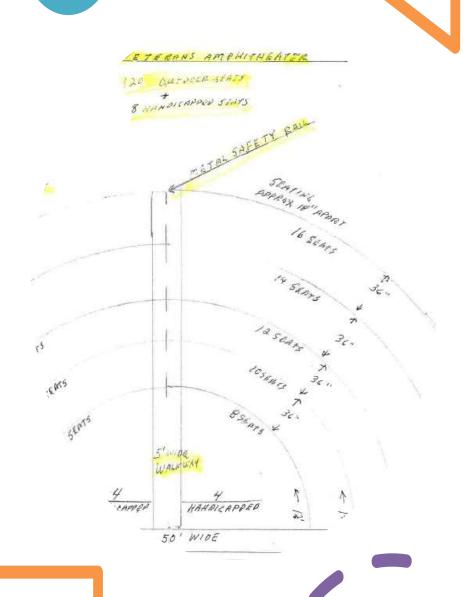
Current Space



Background

- The Park Commission/City Council received requests from Veterans for enhancements to the Veteran's Memorial Park area in front of Community and Conference Centers
 - One was to construct an amphitheater type structure
 - One was to construct monuments with emblems for each branch of the service
- Both were brought before the Park Commission for a recommendation
 - Neither were recommended





Concept 1 -Amphitheater

Park Commission Recommendation

Geraghty Concept

- Thought the amphitheater was too large & too high for the space & only had 8 handicap seats, which would not be adequate for older, handicapped veterans
- Concerned that this huge structure would only be used 2-3 times per year
- Recommended leaving entire area as open green space for use by library, etc. & let the American Legion use the City's portable bleachers for any events
- Recommended denial of the request, but asked to have all green space in this area dedicated as a park for use by government, military, special events – denied by Council





Concept 2 - Monuments

Park Commission Recommendation

- Rodriguez Concept Monuments
 - Thought the idea was commendable, but proposed monuments were too tall and bulky for the space
 - Noted the City already has a lighted memorial bridge, has designated Evers Rd. as Audie L. Murphy Memorial Parkway, & named the entrance to the Conference Center as Veterans Way
 - Suggested alternative ideas for just plaques in-ground or on benches – no pillars
 - Also suggested public art piece
 - Motion was to recommended denial, but to have staff consult with Veterans on other ideas

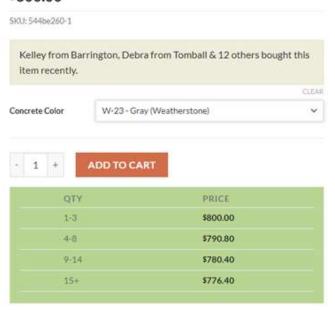
Recommendation

- City Council has provided funding (\$20,000) in this fiscal year budget for construction or installation of some kind as a Veteran's Memorial:
 - Benches
 - Design by vendor
 - Other
- Park Commission 11/13 meeting was no quorum & won't meet till January











Benches





Vendor Design

Estimate \$16,887









Examples of other memorials







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