

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rachel Waldron
Parks and Recreation Director

Re: Design of the Brook Run Park Veterans Memorial

Date: August 12, 2024

Action

Approval of a design for the Brook Run Park Veterans Memorial.

Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is introducing the latest concept for the revitalization of the Brook Run Park Veterans Memorial. Construction costs of the concept designed in 2022 exceeded project budget. Staff is hopeful this new concept will be both a financially conservative approach to the memorial revitalization and complement the adjacent Vietnam War Veterans Memorial.

Details

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The latest concept features a self-guided, open space dedicated to those who are serving and have served. Open entering the space, visitors will first encounter a cast bronze Soldier's Cross, serving as a visible memory of a fallen soldier. Just before the memorial plaza is the first of seven marble plaques and respective flag, honoring each branch of service, plus Prisoners of War Missing in Action. The octagonal granite plaza showcases the United States flag, centered, and an eternal flame, atop a 6-foot Elberton base. The plaza will also feature the existing dedicated red bricks.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests that Council: (1) approve the re-design of the Brook Run Park Veterans Memorial (2) authorize Staff to request cost estimates of the approved design, by way of the formal Request for Proposal process.



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Proposed Design



Staff Recommendation



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