

RECREATION & COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING

A G E N D A

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

August 10, 2010 - 5:00 P.M. – Council Chambers - Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA ADOPTION:

1. Committee Mission Statement
 - Establish priorities for the next 2 years
2. Community Partners
 - Nancy Lane (Garden Club)
3. Discussion of Proposed Memorial Park Master Plan
 - Review Inventory of Facilities
4. Update on CNWR Bicycle Trail Extension
 - Discussion of Town Trail to Eel Creek
5. Committee Member Comments

ADJOURN:

Next Meeting – October 12, 2010



STAFF REPORT

To: Recreation & Community Enhancement Committee

From: William Neville, Director of Planning

Date: August 4, 2010

Subject: Proposed Memorial Park Master Plan

A recommendation was made during several Town Council meetings in June 2010 that the recreational facilities at Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park should be reviewed and a master plan for future improvements should be considered. Several of the ideas/concerns expressed included:

1. Volleyball Court location
2. Skate Park location
3. Dimensional and safety standards for the Little League Field (outfield fence)
4. Future demand and use of a larger practice ballfield for the Middle School
5. Inspection, maintenance and future replacement of playground equipment, picnic tables, benches, fishing pier, picnic pavilions, parking areas, etc.
6. Additional parking, and additional trailer parking for the boat ramp
7. Extension of the fishing pier/boardwalk
8. Tennis Court maintenance
9. Asphalt Trail maintenance and extension

The preparation of an official master plan for Memorial Park that documents a successful and popular facility could be completed by the RCEC with staff support and would establish a model for the deliberate planning and management of other Town properties.



Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park Recreational Facilities Exhibit

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To: Recreation & Community Enhancement Committee

From: William Neville, Director of Planning

Date: August 4, 2010

Subject: CNWR Bicycle Trail Extension

Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Extension (ATPPL Implementation Grant)

CNWR received a FY08 implementation project grant for \$600,000 from the FTA's Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in the Parks Program* to extend the existing pedestrian/bicycle path a quarter-mile from the bridge between Chincoteague and Assateague Islands to the Maddox Boulevard traffic circle (Figure 34).

Onetenth mile of the path will be on NPS property and the remaining 0.15 mile will pass in front of four hotels and one campground within the Town of Chincoteague. This project will result in safer conditions for all users and improve connectivity between the Town and CNWR.

The funding will cover design, construction, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance work. CNWR and ASIS have also applied for funding to extend the bicycle path along Beach Road to the beach.

Town Manager Ritter met with CNWR representatives several months ago to determine the status of the project. At that time construction plans had been prepared and a Joint Permit had been filed for environmental regulatory compliance. It was unknown whether the project that includes a boardwalk over the marsh would require an environmental assessment. County ownership of the 100 foot wide right of way along Maddox Boulevard was to be confirmed.

***(Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in the Parks Discretionary Grant Program:** The Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands program protects environmentally sensitive national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and other federal lands while improving visitor experience through funding public transportation and other alternative transportation opportunities. Administered by the Federal Transit Administration in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service, the program funds capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems such as shuttle buses and bicycle trails in national parks and public lands. The goals of the program are to conserve natural, historical, and cultural resources; reduce congestion and pollution; improve visitor mobility and accessibility; enhance visitor experience; and ensure access to all, including persons with disabilities.)



Figure 34. Section of Maddox Boulevard Proposed for Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Extension.
Source: ATTPL FY08 Implementation Project Application: Construct Pedestrian/Bike Trail



LOCATION MAP

NOT TO SCALE



