

RECREATION & COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING

A G E N D A

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

March 11, 2014 - 5:00 P.M. – Council Chambers - Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ADOPTION:

1. Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park
 - Discuss Playground Workshop
 - Establish Fundraising Sub-Committee
 - Revision of Park Master Plan
2. Coastal Carousel
 - Information Item
3. Committee Member Comments

ADJOURN:

Next Meeting – May 13, 2014



STAFF REPORT

To: Recreation and Community Enhancement Committee

Through: Robert G. Ritter, Town Manager

From: William Neville, Planning Director

Date: November 12, 2013 (**Updated March 11, 2014**)

Subject: Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park Playground

❖ Identify next steps for Playground Master Plan and Fundraising

Committee members heard a request from the community at a previous meeting to repair and replace playground equipment at Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park. Following the recent removal of several damaged play structures and dead trees, several strategies should be considered for what improvements can and should be made:

- 1) Identify age appropriate play structures to replace the existing facilities
- 2) Prioritize and establish a schedule to complete the work
- 3) Request funding from Town Council through the annual budget process, apply for grants, promote sponsorship opportunities, or work with community groups for fundraising campaigns

A more comprehensive approach would include: a subcommittee/citizen working group, a community survey, a master plan, major site renovation to elevate play areas above flooding, and a landscape plan.



Playground Improvement Project

The Town of Chincoteague values community participation and specifically would like to involve the parents of small children in the selection of play structures. No plan can be successful without the benefit of park users to identify needs, desires, and local community issues. The following approach is proposed for a Playground Improvement Project in 2014.

Why Master Plan Parks?

Park master plans provide the public a way to help determine the best uses for a specific site and to optimize management of the site's resources. The Recreation and Community Enhancement Committee (RCEC) uses public input, combined with analyses of current trends and future needs as identified in the Town 'Park Inventory and Recreational Needs Assessment', to help craft a long-range blueprint for use of a park site. The Needs Assessment should be updated for playground improvements to support possible grant requests.

What is a Park Plan?

A park master plan is a general guide for appropriate park uses and their approximate location within a specific park site. The plan serves as a long-range vision (10-20 year timeframe) for future development and programming. The plan is conceptual in nature and not always intended to address detailed issues related to engineered site design or park operations. The plan is just one of many steps in the process that leads to the development of a public park. Once a playground improvement plan is developed, the master plan for Veterans Memorial Park should be updated.

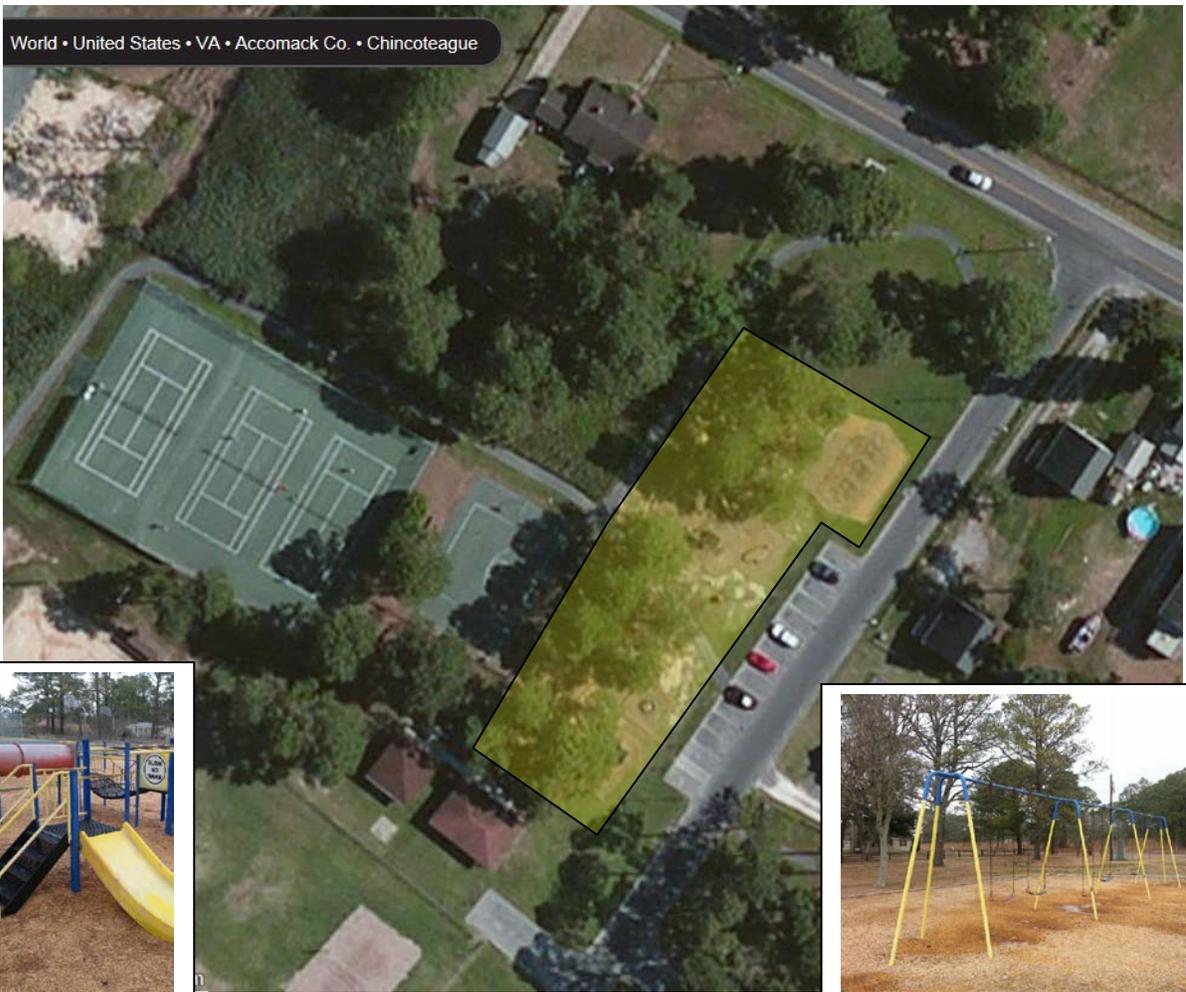
The Park Planning Process

Typically, there are at least three public meetings throughout the planning process to seek public involvement.

- 1) The first is a public information meeting to introduce the project and existing site conditions; explain the planning process; identify community issues and respond to preliminary questions.
- 2) Later, there is a planning workshop where the community is invited to evaluate alternative park uses and conceptual designs. After a preferred alternative is identified, a draft park master plan is developed and a recommendation is made from the RCEC, and
- 3) A public meeting is held by Town Council to gather further comments. The draft plan may be further refined after each public meeting. Eventually, the Town Council is presented with a final plan for adoption. While not all individual preferences can be accommodated, the Town Council strives to provide a well balanced park system to meet the needs of residents and seasonal visitors.

Public Input is Essential

The January 14, 2014 RCEC meeting, along with this staff report, will serve as public information. Comments and suggestions are always welcome and encouraged. Please send via e-mail to: wneville@chincoteague-va.gov or by post to: William Neville, Director of Planning, Town of Chincoteague, 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336



Next Steps

An inventory and assessment of the existing play structures has been completed by Town Staff on November 18, 2013 (see attached forms). The general recommendation is to continue maintenance of the equipment, replacing broken components, and minimizing safety risks from rusted and sharp edges until each structure can be replaced. The short term need for replacement structures are prioritized as follows:

- 1) Small multi-function play structure for 3-5 year age group near Picnic Pavilion (low fence may be required)
- 2) Round geodesic climbing structure for all ages
- 3) Large multi-function play structure for all ages

In preparation for the planning workshop, Town Staff prepared a base map to scale, with a range of possible play structures to 'cut and paste' onto the plan. A brief user survey was prepared to collect ideas and information from members of the community. **(Feedback from the Workshop is attached).** Site preparation requirements, safety zones, and cost estimates will be identified for each of the play structure options so that a preliminary budget can be developed as a result of the workshop exercise.

A small workgroup should be established to incorporate the theme of playground equipment, and budget into a fundraising strategy. Funding levels for individual, organizational and corporate contributions should be established, along with recommendations for Town Budget allocation and/or grant funds that are needed.

The results of the planning workshop and the fundraising workgroup will be presented at the regular RCEC meeting on March 11, 2014. The RCEC may make a final recommendation to Town Council as early as the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

Action Required

- A. Establish the Fundraising Workgroup or Sub-Committee, identify membership, responsibilities and target dates for the next several months.
- B. RCEC recommendation to Town Council for an amendment of the Park Master Plan for Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park to add a new play structure for the 5 to 12 age group with a 'rocket theme', and approve the repair or replacement of existing play structures, subject to available funding.



Town of Chincoteague
Playground Improvement Project
Public Workshop – March 6, 2014

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Chincoteague Recreation and Community Enhancement Committee 2014 Playground Questionnaire

1. Have you, or a family member/visitor/guest, visited the Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park Playground within the last year?

Of course ☺

2. What age group describes the children at play in your family?
(0-2 yrs, 2-5 yrs, 5-12 yrs, other)

5-12

3. Which existing play structure do you consider the best? Why?

My kids still enjoy structures for imaginative play - so they like the ship best

4. Which existing play structure do you consider the worst? Why?

They like the spin-thing, but it doesn't spin anymore - and the rainbow see-saw looks impressive, but doesn't have much bang for its buck.

5. What improvements would you suggest to make the playground better?

My children like to use the skatepark - so I'd like to see that kept up.

Also wondering about a water park, we've been to ~~places~~ ^{playgrounds} as simple as something like an outdoor shower - to a waterslide ☺ to cool the kids down.

Zip lines would be fun, as well.

~~I personally~~ I personally enjoy play areas that are imaginative and inspire children to be creative, as well as appreciate our natural resources.

poconoke cypress park has a really nice native plant garden

Please share your ideas with the Town of Chincoteague by returning this form to:
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2-5 yrs + 5-12

3. Which existing play structure do you consider the best? Why?

The boat seems to be a favorite for both my boys

4. Which existing play structure do you consider the worst? Why?

The toddler play area - needs a lot of fixing

5. What improvements would you suggest to make the playground better?

A fence around the small children's area would be wonderful.

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6. Do you feel that the ball field is still needed at Veterans Memorial Park?
Please explain why?

7. Is there adequate parking available for each area of the park?

During winter - YES
Summer - NO

8. Should the pine trees that were removed after storm damage be replaced?
What kind of landscaping is needed?

9. Please provide any other ideas or suggestions for Veterans Memorial Park

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Investigate actual use by different groups and identify need first, before deciding if it is still needed.

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What kind of landscaping is needed?

Yes. Consider the use of native species that thrive in this location such as myrtle, cedar and 'kinks bush'

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Consider use of dredge/fill material at the Harbor to construct a berm along the western edge of the Park to minimize flooding. Fill could also be used to raise certain Park elements for long term protection from flooding

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Inventory of Existing Facilities

- Park Area: 9.26 acres
- Memorial Park Drive: 1,030 linear feet/asphalt surface
- 54 parking spaces (HC)
- 8-12 boat trailer parking spaces
- 25' x 50' boat launch
- Boardwalk/Fishing Pier: 425 linear feet
- 2 Fishing Pier Gazebos
- 1 Little League Field – 225' centerfield
- Skate Park (9,000 square foot asphalt surface, fenced, with 7 pieces of equipment)
- Veterans Monument
- Trolley Shelter
- 3 Tennis Courts
- 1 Multi-use/Basketball Court
- 1 Sand Volleyball Court
- 1 Large Picnic Pavilion
- 2 Small Picnic Pavilions
- 1 Restroom Facility with Water Fountain/Soda Machines
- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- Public Water Service
- Septic Service
- Lighting/Electrical (video surveillance)
- Signs

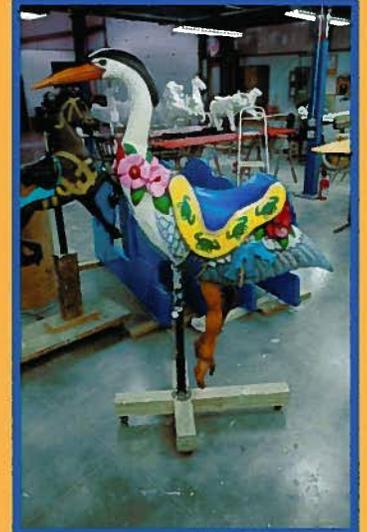
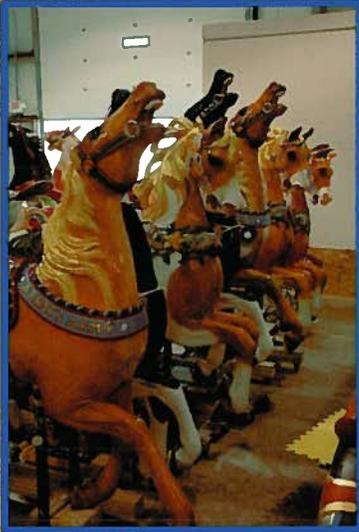
List of Playground Equipment

- Large Swings (6 swings)
- Large Composite Structure
- Multi-Axis Tire Swings (2 swings)
- Geodesic Dome Climber
- Small Composite Structure
- Wooden Ship
- Rock N' Cross
- Ribbon Climber
- Three-tiered chin up bars
- Supernova
- Sand Digger

Park Master Plan – Base map

Veterans Memorial Park
Town of Chincoteague, Inc

September 2012



COASTAL CAROUSEL FOR SALE

New, never installed, custom designed hand carved wooden carousel is truly a moving piece of art.

This one of a kind carousel celebrates the wildlife, habitat, history and culture that encompass life along the shoreline. Made by Carousel Works

The complete ensemble is as follows:

18 panels, three rows, 50' Lypus platform
46 custom hand carved rides

- 1 hand carved rocking dolphin chariots
 - 1 hand carved rocking blue crab chariots
 - 1 hand carved stationary flounder chariot
 - 1 hand carved stationary lighthouse chariot
- Lighthouse chariot is handicap accessible
Seating for 60

Custom, free standing band organ façade
Digital sound system
Painted vaulted ceiling

18 custom designed rounding board panels
18 framed original paintings on rounding board – reflecting coastal settings

17 custom designed center surround panels
17 framed mirrows on center surround panel
Aproximately 650 LED lights

This is an overall "green" carousel.



**NEW : CUSTOM DESIGNED * HAND CARVED * WOODEN CAROUSEL * FOR SALE
COASTAL THEME**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: THELMA PETERSON -757-678-5037 or Thelmajpeterson@Esva.net

Custom Designed - Hand Carved - Eastern Shore Carousel

This customized Eastern Shore themed carousel, is truly a one of a kind carousel celebrating the wildlife, habitat, history and culture that represent and encompass life on the Eastern Shore and along its shorelines.

With 18 panels, three rows, and generous 50' diameter platform, this beautiful carousel sets the stage for 46 uniquely designed and hand carved wooden rides which feature 23 horses, all realistically painted from Misty of Assateague with 6 of her most popular descendants, and 23 additional animals commonly found in coastal settings. Seating for 60 includes 46 animal rides and 14 seats on chariots. The carousel also houses a beautifully painted vaulted ceiling.

There are four chariots which are also hand carved, each reflecting themes of the Eastern Shore. There are two rocking chariots, one featuring dolphins, the other featuring blue crabs, and two stationary chariots, one featuring a popular fish, the flounder, and the other highlighting the importance and history of Life-saving and Coast Guard Stations as well as lighthouses along its coast throughout history. It features the Assateague Island lighthouse, which actually flashes, and has scenes of shipwrecks adorning its back. Each chariot has original paintings on back panels depicting subject matter that relates to their individual coastal theme. The lighthouse chariot is designed to be handicap accessible.

There is a customized, free standing band organ façade with digital sound system, also designed to enhance the Eastern Shore theme and coastal setting, which is adorned with hand carvings of coastal items found along beaches, creatures from the Bayside to the Seaside and much more.

There are 18 rounding board panels, each customized to reflect many aspects of the Eastern Shore's rich history and culture throughout time. Each of the 18 panels frames off a large original painting depicting some aspect of the areas past through present.

There are 17 customized center surround panels with inserted mirrors. Each panel is individually designed and adorned with elements focusing on the coastal life on the Eastern Shore. One center surround panel houses the band organ façade.

This completely new carousel, never installed, is truly a beautiful, moving piece of art. No doubt, it will become a distinct point of destination for travelers and a source of pride for the community that offers it a home.

The carousel is stored at Carousel Works in Mansfield, Ohio where it was made. They would be glad to show the carousel to potential buyers.

As the designer and project manager of this carousel, I would welcome an opportunity to discuss any element of this carousel or answer any questions regarding its sale.

Thelma Peterson – thelmaipeterson@esva.net or call 757-678-5037.



Carousel Rides

Designs by Thelma J. Peterson

Brown Pelican

Seahorse

Canada Goose

Red Drum

Seagull

Black Mist – Fisherman’s Theme

Misty II – Native American Theme

Heat Wave – Farming Theme

Misty – Coastal Theme

Dolphin

Speckle Trout

Great Blue Heron

Twister – Arnold Palmer Theme

Stormy – Jack Nicklaus Theme

Shark

Swan

Sunshine – (Virginia’s Sunshine) – Virginia Theme

Twilight – Patriotic Theme

Dolphins – Rocking Chariot

**(Back Panel of Dolphin Rocking Chariot – Old Plantation Lighthouse at sunset
with dolphins leaping)**

Blue Crab – Rocking Chariot

**(Back Panel of Blue Crab Rocking Chariot – Father and Son setting crab pots in
Traditional Eastern Shore Scow)**

Flounder – Handicap accessible Stationary Chariot

(Front Panel of Flounder Chariot -Under water scene with loggerhead turtles)

Assateague Lighthouse – Stationary Chariot

**(Inside Panel of Assateague Lighthouse Chariot – Shipwreck scene with sunken
treasure**

Assateague Lighthouse – Stationary Chariot

(side view)

19 Individual Ride Designs

4 Chariot ride Designs

3 Back or Side Panel Designs for Chariots

Total - 26 Designs

EASTERN SHORE COASTAL CAROUSEL

THE PRICE FOR THIS CUSTOM DESIGNED, COASTAL CAROUSEL, AS IS, IF SOLD ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA OR THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND IS: **\$400,000.00**. THE ORIGINAL COST OF BUILDING AND DESIGNING THIS CUSTOM CAROUSEL WAS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN TWICE THIS AMOUNT. IT IS A ONE OF A KIND PIECE OF REVOLVING ART MADE JUST LIKE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY CAROUSELS. TO CONSTRUCT A NEW CUSTOM CAROUSEL LIKE THIS ONE TODAY, WOULD COST SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN DOUBLE THE SALE PRICE OF \$400,000.00. THIS SPECIAL PRICE IS NOT OFFERED ANYWHERE OTHER THAN THE EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA OR EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND. THE ADVERTISED PRICE OUTSIDE OF THESE AREAS IS \$675,000.0, STILL A DRASTIC REDUCTION IN PRICE FROM ORIGINAL COST OF CAROUSEL.

THERE ARE A FEW ELEMENTS OF THE CAROUSEL WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED. THEY ARE FINISHING THE CARVED FLOUNDER CHARIOT, WHICH IS MOSTLY DONE, AND SOME ADORNMENT CARVING. THE TOTAL COST FOR FINISHING THESE ITEMS IS: **\$20,720.00**.

THE COST OF COASTAL CAROUSEL IF CLIENT COMPLETES CAROUSEL WOULD BE: **\$ 420,720.00**.

THE BUYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LINING UP SHIPPING AND INSTALATION OF CAROUSEL. ALL TECHINICAL INFORMATION FOR INSTALATION, FOUNDATION AND POWER REQUIRMENTS ARE AVAILABLE.

THE CAROUSEL HAS BEEN STORED AT CAROUSEL WORKS IN MANSFIELD, OHIO, WHERE IT WAS BUILT, SINCE IT WAS COMPLETED. CAROUSEL WORKS WOULD BE GLAD TO SHOW THE CAROUSEL TO POTENTIAL BUYERS IF THEY HAD AN INTEREST IN TRAVELING TO SEE IT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH OR ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MAGNIFICANT CUSTOM CAROUSEL.

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