

Minutes
Board of Town Commissioners
Alice Anne Park Public Input Meeting
April 12, 2021

This meeting was held, in person, at Alice Anne Park, to solicit feedback from citizens. The meeting started at 5:30 PM on April 12, 2021.

Commissioners Present: Amy G. Chmielewski, Chair
 Kevin M. Bianca
 Erin S. Hughes
 Donna L. Kahoe

Staff Present: L. Jesse Bane, Town Administrator
 Stephen Kline, Director of Public Works
 Michael Krantz, Director of Administration
 Patti Parker, Community & Public Relations Manager
 Kevin Small, Director of Planning

Others: Sue Niewenhous, Appearance and Beautification Committee
 Kathryn Butschky, Appearance and Beautification Committee
 Ruth Oswald, Appearance and Beautification Committee
 Jenny Dombeck, Appearance and Beautification Committee
 Elaine Millard, Appearance and Beautification Committee
 Bonnie Bailey, Appearance and Beautification Committee
 Deanna Richards, Appearance and Beautification Committee
 Kristy Sudbrink, Appearance and Beautification Committee
 Molly Noyes and Girl Scout Troop 2520
 Robin Street
 Bill Coningsby
 Wayne Merkle, Tree Committee
 Angela & Paul Pupek
 Nicki Jergensen, Cultural Arts Commission
 Elizabeth Janney, Bel Air Patch
 Peg Lucas, Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Call to Order:

Chair Chmielewski called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to solicit feedback from citizens regarding ideas for improvements to Alice Anne Park.

Steve Kline and Kevin Small explained that general cleanup of the park, including repairs, landscaping, and improvements will be happening soon.

Recommendations from the meeting:

Girl Scout Troop 2520 would like to install a little free library that they will build and maintain. Plus, they would like to see bird houses added and a Chess/Checkers table and chairs added. Also, they would like to be involved in cleaning up and planting flowers in the park.

Nicki Jergeson suggested a full court basketball court and installing a fence that could be painted with a mural or other art project.

Paul Pupek suggested a multi-purpose court (including basketball), as well as, planting shrubbery along the dividing fence, and moving the trash can (blocking the sign/bike rack). He also inquired about installing speed bumps in the alley to slow traffic down.

Robin Street suggested installing covered trash cans to keep animals from getting into them and adding a recycling can.

Kristie Sudbrink recommended adding a gravel parking area for the park, accessible from the alley.

Steve Kline and Kevin Small explained that one or two handicap parking spaces, with possibility of a few additional regular parking spaces, were under consideration.

Wayne Merkle suggested crowning and pruning, not topping, of some of the trees, and working with an arborist.

All attending suggested more gardens with colorful flowers.

Other recommendations included:

- Multipurpose sports area including a pickleball court
- Horseshoes
- Doggie bag and trash station
- Speed limit sign in the ally
- Art on the benches/basketball backboards/sidewalks/fences

Miscellaneous:

Many attendees expressed interest in being involved in the next Town Community Cleanup Day.

The Appearance and Beautification Committee suggested that the Town post a notice at the Armory about Town Community Cleanup Day, and highlighting it during the Garden Mart. They also suggested asking the Downtown Alliance to share the Garden Mart and Town Community Cleanup Day on their social media.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Approved: April 19, 2021

Signature on file

Amy G. Chmielewski, Chair
Board of Town Commissioners

Signature on file

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk