

Friends and Fellow Citizens:

Melva Campbell Park is approaching reality!

I encourage you to attend the golf & parks committee's town hall meeting this Thursday, April 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. at city hall. Nationally-recognized Sara Kreiss, with Spaces for Play, who created the park's master design, will be here to address your questions and hear your suggestions on the park's design and equipment.

Following the town hall meeting, the committee will direct Ms. Kreiss to make any final adjustments before the city council's anticipated final approval at its May 11th meeting. The park's equipment will then be ordered for a fall grand opening.

The full park survey results and responses are on the city's website. I was gratified to see we are on the right track with what you desire in your park. Here are the highlights from the survey's results:

Areas of Importance to your Family

 walking paths 	playground equipment	pavilion
4. exercise area	5. welcome area	6. game area
7. music area	8. Pickleball court	9. Gaga ball pit

Results from Budget Options

57 - build it all at one time, using budgeted and allocated funds 21 - use only budgeted funds, with the walking path as priority three - do not spend any funds to build a park

There were numerous comments regarding Melva Campbell Park, Kaster Korner, and the green space in front of city hall. I urge you to review the entire results on the city's website.

We note your comments suggesting bricks for purchase, and other opportunities for fundraising to supplement city funds for the park. I have asked staff to prepare a plan for individuals and businesses to fund elements of the park, which will include brick pavers, benches, picnic tables, trees, playground equipment, walking path, pavilion, and other structures. All will be marked with tasteful placards and/or signage indicating those who made these features available.

Look for these options at the town hall meeting, and subsequently on the city's website. What a great way to remember those who have contributed so much to our town, as well as those we remember, and those whom we currently love and cherish!

Please attend Thursday evening and give us your final thoughts as we finalize Melva Campbell Park. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mayor Kelly Jones