

City Council Work Session August 8, 2016

Veterans Recognition Wall/Pavers

Proposed Action - \$300,000 onetime cost \$15,000 ongoing cost

One Time Construction Cost - Construction of a Veterans Recognition Area at Memorial Park. The area would contain opportunities for the purchase of a brick or wall plaque in honor of a veteran. No eligibility requirements have been proposed. Three preliminary concepts have been prepared and are included below. The proposed construction budget of \$300,000 is estimated to be enough to cover the cost of any of the 3 concepts with contingency for inflation.

Ongoing Cost – Ongoing cost include installation of bricks or plaques and coordination with families and veterans organizations.

Existing Veterans Memorial and Recognition Plaques

1. Funding approved in 2005 Bond Election - \$2,000,000
2. Designed by Landscape Architect Michael Kendall and Artist David Newton
3. Existing Memorial Completed and Dedicated in 2008
4. Local veterans and Public Art Committee involved throughout the design
5. Includes a granite plaque with the names of Plano residents Killed In Action
6. Names were determine by a committee of local veterans
7. No request to add names have been received since 2009
8. Additional names will follow same criteria as the original names

Criteria for Names on the Existing Plaques

1. Plano residents only
2. Based on the Military's identified home of record and other available information
3. Limited to military personnel KIA (Killed in Action)
4. List only wars and incursions/invasions in which Plano residents were KIA
5. Local Veterans organizations will assist with reviewing future request for name additions

Memorial Park History

The 8.5 acre park was purchased in 1975. The original improvements at the park were completed in 1985-87. The Junior League of Plano raised funds for the original shelter and fountain at the park and Sherry Rogers raised funding for the original playground which was named in honor of her daughter Terra Lynn. Additional improvements were made by the City. All of the original improvements have since been replaced or removed.

Until the early 2000's Memorial Park was the location for the City's Memorial Tree Program. Trees could be purchased by anyone wishing to purchase a tree in memory of a friend or loved one. Many of the trees in the park today were provided through this program and the plaques are still in place.

In the early 2000's City Council was approached about providing a park to honor veterans and other local and national heroes. A concept for the park was developed that included three recognition areas. One for veterans, one for other national heroes and a third area for local heroes. No funding was available at that time to construct any of the proposed improvements.

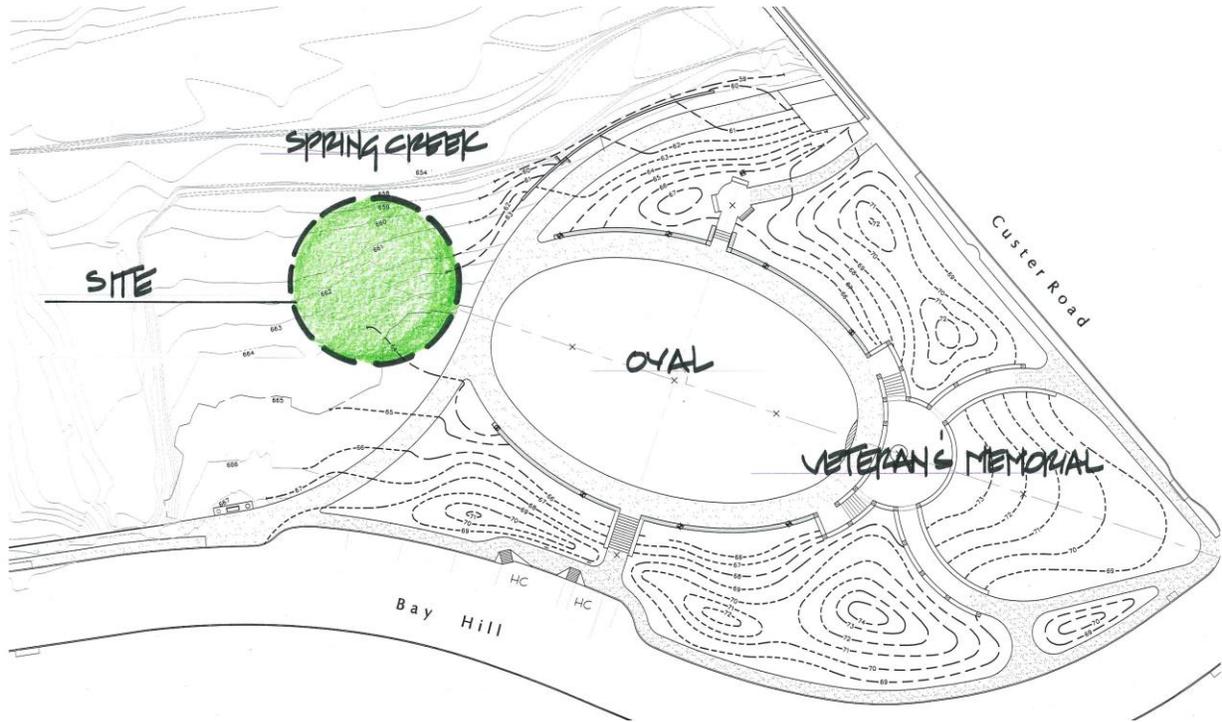
In the 2005 Bond Election \$2,000,000 was approved for construction of the existing Veterans Memorial. Landscape Architect Michael Kendall and Artist David Newton were selected to prepare plans for the Veterans Memorial. Local veterans and members of the Public Art Committee were involved throughout the design process. The Veterans memorial was completed and dedicated in 2008.

No funding has been approved to date for construction of the areas for other local or national heroes.

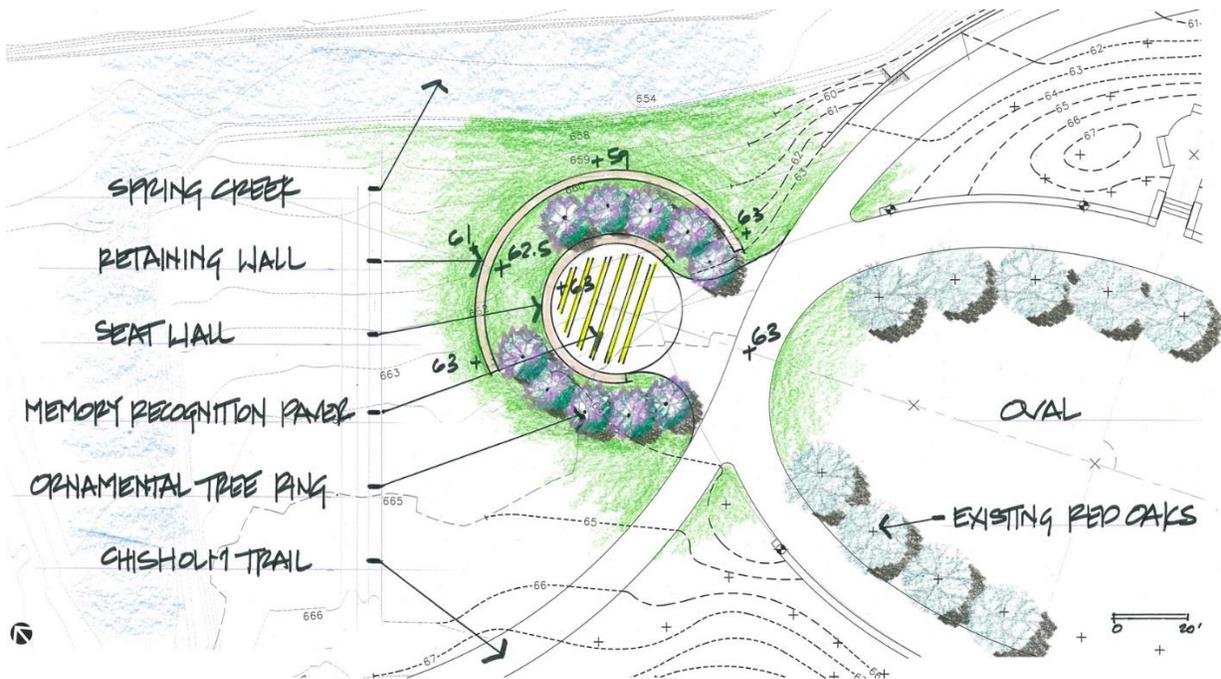
Memorial Park Master Plan



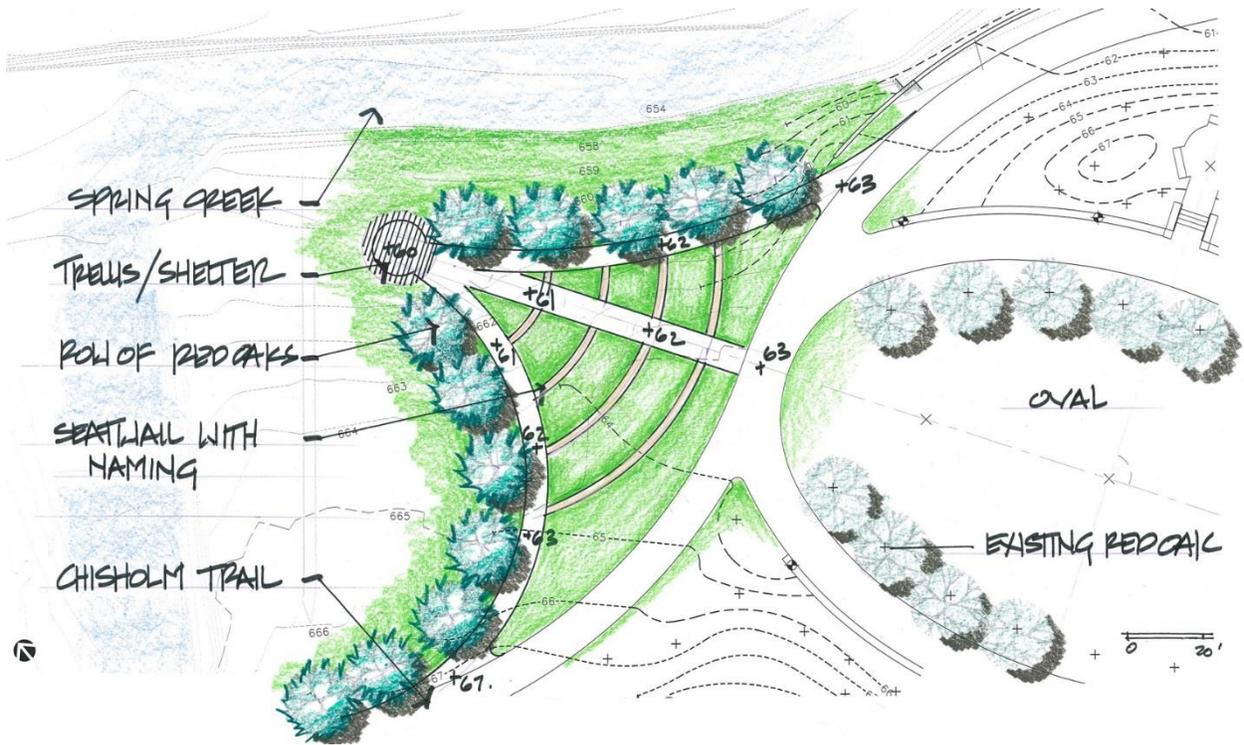
Proposed Recognition Wall/Pavers Location



Option 1



Option 2



Option 3

