

Joint City/School Memorial Field Planning Committee

March 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Location: City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Time: 5:00pm

Committee Members:

City Councilors:

- Nathan Fennessy, At-Large Councilor
- Jeff Foote, Ward Ten

Board of Education:

- Jim Richards, Zone A
- Barb Higgins, At-Large

Other Elected Officials present: Pamela Walsh, Board of Education President

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by the Mr. Fennessy, Mr. Foote, and Mr. Richards. Ms. Higgins arrived at 5:32pm. This was the first meeting of the committee. Mr. Fennessy made a motion to appoint Mr. Foote as chair of the committee, seconded by Mr. Richards. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Foote called the committee to order at 5:12pm. The committee's task is to develop of proposal to renovate memorial field and bring the proposal to their respective governing bodies. Mr. Fennessy discussed funding design money in each governing bodies respective budgets and potentially focus on Phase I drainage. Mr. Richards discussed other options including Terrill Park. Mr. Foote discussed using a design-bid-building method as a construction delivery method. He noted that there is a passion in the community to do something and the committee would like to see more detail from the company that did the preliminary work and David Gill, the Park and Recreation Director. Mr. Foote also discussed various field position options and that phasing was proposed for budgetary purposes.

The committee then discussed topics for the next meeting to include an update from Mr. Gill giving the committee background, community meeting feedback, review the presentations given to city council and school board with the proposed costs and what the community would receive. Also, the committee discussed a 50/50 split for the initial design work. The committee also discussed potential start of the project, critical elements, land opportunities, entrances and exits from the property. The committee quickly reviewed a few slides from the October 24th Memorial field presentation to the school board.

The committee set its next meeting for Tuesday, April 1st at 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm, motion by Mr. Foote, seconded by Ms. Higgins, motion passed 4-0.

Recorder: Jack Dunn, Concord School District