

**Results of Tybee Neighbors Website Survey Questions**  
**04-08 Mini-Survey -- Volunteer Committees**  
**111 responses**



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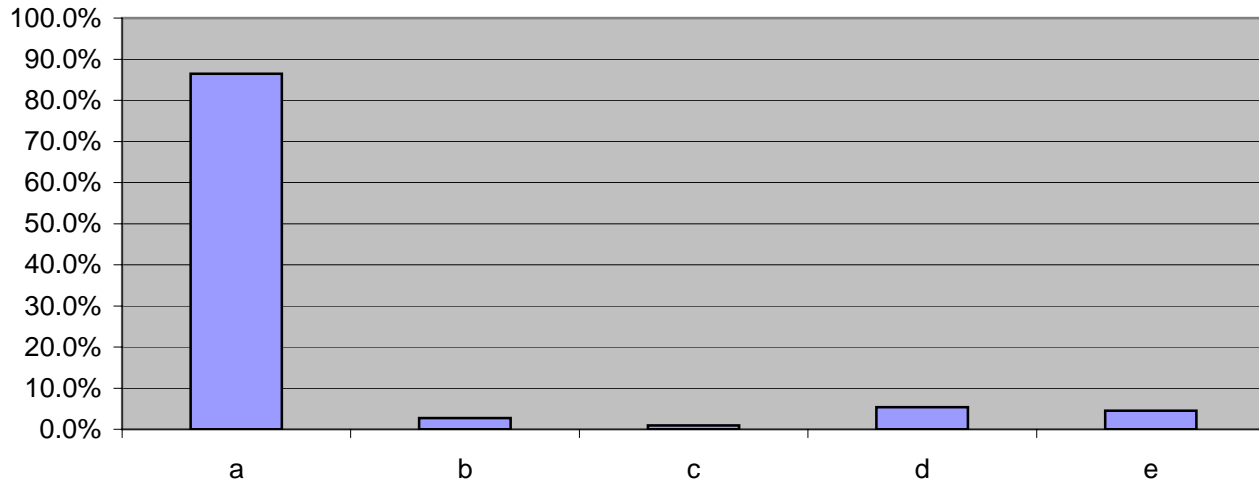
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT OR DISAGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.

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a	b	c	d	e
86.5%	2.7%	0.9%	5.4%	4.5%

Disagree

Agree

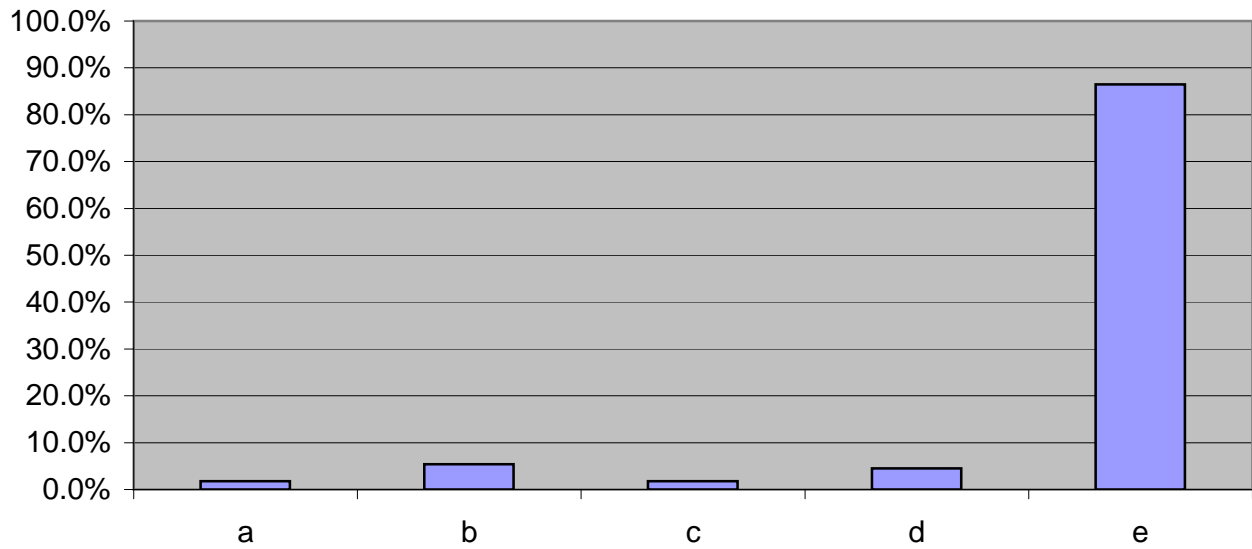


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2	6	2	5	96
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1.8%	5.4%	1.8%	4.5%	86.5%

Disagree

Agree



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April 2008 Survey Comments – Volunteers and the Memorial Park Master Plan**

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Volunteerism is Tybee's life blood. It is the one thing that unites us all regardless of income, etc. This council's recent actions will serve to reduce or eliminate residents' willingness to volunteer if they come to believe that the elected officials can dismiss their efforts on a whim.

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Tybee Council is, or should be, a deliberative, decision making body. They have neither the time nor should they be made to research every aspect of the often complex issues facing the island. The role of skilled staff and citizen committees is crucial in the decision -making process. Should council ignore or disregard recommendations of staff and committees, they relegate their decisions to the level of a coin toss instead of those reached after careful consideration of the facts.

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It is highly inappropriate for the city council to completely change or rescind decisions that it took many long hours to come to by others without presenting it through official public hearings. This council needs to remember that they were elected to represent ALL people of the community, whether they agree or not, and not make all of their decisions for them without their input.

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Regarding the Memorial Park plan, Council should have waited to make changes/take action on any components of the park to include items specifically addressed in the resolution which created the ad hoc committee to develop the plan. The public should be given the opportunity to review the plan and make comments before council makes changes or alters components of the park. By changing, moving, rescinding or eliminating components of the park even BEFORE the work of the committee was disrespectful and totally disregarded the hard work and long time commitment of the committee members who were all VOLUNTEERS.

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The council should give opportunity for the public to express public opinions on these matters before making any final decisions.

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This city council should begin to focus on POSITIVE issues that will enhance our community instead of the many negative, demoralizing, and politically influenced issues.

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The question is what are the significant changes that the Council is making that adversely affect the "needs" of the people on Tybee? Only the Ethics Ordinance falls into the significant category. The others are "wants" and yes should be addressed in a forum and not a hearing before Council. The Council should hold public hearings -- at least two, one during the day and one during the night -- on the Ethics Ordinance. Common ground must be found for the ethical behavior and actions allowed for candidates and elected officials.

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It seems this city council is comprised of autocratic old men.

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So far this council has embarrassed themselves and Tybee Island with their stands on the issues. After each council meeting, I hate to see what article or cartoon will be in the morning paper. They have their TIRPOA agenda and that does not include anything PROGRESSIVE like a dog park, skate park or Memorial Park Master Plan. Let's face it. They have their minds made up.

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I don't know what this council is up to but they might consider that they may want to live here after their terms have passed.

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It appears that this City Council is disregarding the hard work of its volunteer citizens. I have heard questions about the qualifications of the members serving on various committees. My response is to question the qualifications of the Council Members. Are they required to have special training or expertise in City Government prior to being elected? Do Planning Commission members have to have special training prior to their appointments? The answer is no, but they hopefully will educate themselves and work hard to make appropriate decisions and/ or recommendations regarding our town. Committee members who fully participate in their committee's work do the same. Citizens participate in these committees out of a desire to make Tybee a better place (usually) without political agendas. It is important that volunteers are valued. In an effort to make Tybee a better place they not only put volunteer time and effort into the "task at hand" but also save the city tens of thousands of dollars each year. With a council who feels that fiscal responsibility is a high priority doesn't it make sense for them to embrace the work of its citizen volunteers?

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The voters spoke on all of the issues of the Dog Park and Skateboard Park in November. No need for this survey or other hearings. The majority has spoken to the elected officials and they should act on these issues now with out further delays.

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I am a volunteer with experience and postgraduate credentials in accounting, education and civic disciplines. During the past 4 years, my efforts on behalf of the city have a conservative value of many thousands of dollars. A labor of love, to me.

The ruling members of this council seem determined to screw up the City's relationship with and dependence on non-political volunteers.

Moreover, (can you believe it?) they are regularly violating the Georgia opening meeting act and acting as a political party (forbidden by the charter)...

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Volunteers who live on Tybee clearly have a vested interest in the well-being of the island and should be valued in the work that they do without any compensation. The work is done out of the love of the island, its residents and visitors without hidden agendas that seem to be prevalent among current council members. The work of a committee/committees should be given careful consideration and respect.

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The Island has a small population. Unfortunately, the population is so diverse that a majority opinion on any issue would be difficult to obtain. The challenge we have at Tybee is that a person holds to his/her belief on an issue and is unwilling to compromise (the Titanic Syndrome). We have a tendency to forget that "Democracy is the art of compromise."

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Public Hearings are just that: a way for the public to be heard. Unfortunately, this council has deemed itself more enlightened and important so that they may go through the motions to hold public hearings--but they don't listen to the public who cares enough about the issues to speak up. They have set their 'agenda' and have made their decisions even before they were elected. Somewhat illegal isn't it? The public can talk all they want, but so far haven't been listened to by five of this council.

Volunteering is a vital part of this community. So many people have worked countless hours on committees to help the City and Community become the great place it is. This work is valuable and as such saves the City money that would otherwise be spent by outsiders that would have to be hired. They also complete tasks that city employees would have to spend their time on instead. Encouragement by City Council should be strong for this community volunteer effort to continue. Unfortunately, by their actions so far in the above named areas (ethics, skate park, dog park, Memorial Park Planning Committee) their decisions have served to alienate and offend so many volunteers that it would be a shame if none chose to spend their time volunteering in the future--sad, but understandable.

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i like to view our community as a whole rather than splinted factions with special interests. i am always amazed to see good folks pull together for tybee's greater good. when the city asks for and receives so much community support in the form of volunteer hours, it speaks to the good nature of individuals who call tybee home.but when you start targeting one group or individual, there is a ripple effect felt in the entire community. and i think people will generally not be as willing to serve on committees or in other appointed positions if the perception is that your work will be ignored or not afforded the opportunity for public comment.

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Committees are only as good as their fairness in representing the majority of the island.

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With the exception of one council person, Tybee has a TIRPOA Council that agreed to a 20 item TIRPOA agenda. This says to me that they have thrown ethics out of the window as it pertains to even considering "any" of the very positive work that has been produced by the Memorial Park Ad Hoc Committee & any other committee unless backed by them. It is very disappointing to say the least that the present council continues to work in the past by dismantling work done by previous Councils. They consider everything in a negative way if it is not their idea. Why they cannot move forward with other issues & concerns is beyond me!?? Why they do not want to hold official public hearings is obvious; they stand a chance of not getting "their" way instead of Tybee residents getting what they want.

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Council is elected to serve the public not their private agendas. Not everyone can or wants to be elected to council, but many will serve in a lesser capacity. Their work is equally as valuable.

Some times I watch these new council guys on tv and think they are the most egotistic buffoons ever.

The dog park should be able to stay in Memorial Park unless acceptable alternatives are implemented at the cost of the city.

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Because I disagree with the Memorial Park plan. Visitors to Tybee don't need to see an unsightly dog park and skate park near City Hall and the Library when they arrive on the island. The condos across the street look bad enough. This is one of the two large parks on the island and should not be an

eyesore to visitors. I work downtown in the tourist industry for a large well known restaurant. I have had many comments from tourists regarding the island most of which have not been flattering. They prefer to go to Hilton Head which they think has more class. I don't agree with that and have many times talked people into coming to our island and explain to them the quirky-ness of Tybee. The plan appears too crowded up. I think those spaces need to be clear for art shows and big parties and picnics on the pavillion where the majority of people (residents and tourists) can enjoy being outside in large groups. The park already has some big mistakes (the unused white elephant of a gym for one) and we need to preserve the space we have left. The Plan should not be taken "carte blanche" just because volunteers spent a lot of time on it. I appreciate the time spent on this but they volunteered for the job!! I believe City Council is acting in the best interests of Tybee as a whole. Not just for one political group who will disagree with anything they do or say just because of the principle of it. No one wins when all this island does is fight with each other. I also disagree with the way these surveys are issued. Tybee Neighbors are skewing the results when picking and choosing the e-mail surveys that they decide are worthy. Why should it matter if you can't confirm a local telephone number? Many people only have cell phones these days. The results from the last survey were skewed and I'm sure the results of this survey will also be skewed to prove whatever result Tybee Neighbors are looking for. I also don't mind if you share my name and e-mail address with others. I don't have to be anonymous to have my voice heard.

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Volunteers make America run - if the city loses the volunteer base we are in deep doodoo. It is really insulting to all of us for Council to even dream of disregarding all this work without public input about the items and the Council's responsibilities to ALL of us.

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The city council empowered committees and volunteers to formulate a final master plan for Memorial Park. Why bother with all of that, if their going to do what they want anyway?

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It is important that Council members make their decisions based on the opinions of all Tybee residents not just their own and those of their financial backers.

Comments- Issue -2 = I think overall the plan is well thought out and makes good use of the existing space. I have only two suggestions to make. First I agree with the comment made at the City Council meeting that the bike path should be rerouted so that it doesn't pass in front of the fire station.

Secondly I would like to see more seating options included in the plaza area so it could serve as place for people to congregate, much like the town squares in European villages.

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Council's actions should help all people on the island--not cater to a small minority who target groups and try to destroy their activities--even those like the dog park which costs the town no funding at all. It shows how narrow minded and intolerant of others they are. It demonstrates their mean-spirited, bully mentality.

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Build the skate park. You promised it. It's time to honor your word.

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The current city council is corrupt and a sad joke

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The skate park issue should be closed. It's a terrible idea.

The dog park should be moved to an area with shade & trees..

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If the council is to hold public meetings regarding the skate park, memorial park, dog park, any park, then public meetings should be held for everything, like buying an RV park and a \$400,000 piece of low land. Of course the council needs input from the Tybee taxpayers on everything and then they should respond to the majority and put personal agendas aside. ALL SEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS.

The volunteers are appreciated by all who reap the benefits of the volunteer labor. Maybe the volunteer projects should be subject to public hearings too to determine the scope beneficiaries.

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Using tax payer money to move an existing facility when there is no immediate alternate use planned for the location is an insult to tax payers. Use the money to do something that will benefit Tybee tax payers and visitors. If the park is moved it will only reflect poorly on each council person who votes to do so at this time.

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Tybee is a community of people who care very much about our island, our neighborhoods, our way of life. We are rich in our caring and concern; what happens affects all of us and should be the result of the input of all of us. Volunteers are essential to the well-being of our community. Park really belong to all the people by serving a variety of needs and interests and activities.

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The attempts by the current council to repeal or do away with the work of the City Committees is a misuse of their position and a detriment to the citizens of Tybee.

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Who was elected to serve who?

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we elected the city council members to represent us. Let them make the decisions. If we don't like their rulings vote them out.

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I think it is important for any significant changes that will affect our investments on Tybee should be open to the public.

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Why don't we establish a voting system on issues that seem to be so contested on Tybee? But then the "Elected Officials" would not have a leg to stand on when they defend their voting on these issues!!!

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I strongly support the open sessions for informational discussions about what is planned for Tybee's residents. As an educator, I can't emphasize enough of how critical it is that these decisions be made with the residents' input. We've seen the consequences of not following these guidelines with 8 years of a presidency that refuses to consider what the American people believe is important. Don't treat Tybee's people the same way, or our lifestyle will change to fit the few rich, influential people who have recently settled on our little paradise, intent to twist the laws to benefit them.

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I cannot even begin to express my disapointment and disgust with the actions of the current City Council. With the exception of Paul Wolfe, I did not vote for these councilmen/womem. The current council is the fear that many of us had. There appears to be no comprimise or representation of a portion of the Tybee population. They are acting as dictators with their own single minded agendas. How dare they make such radical changes in a previously elected council's accomplishments? The majority of us voted for the previous council and expressed our wants for meeting the needs of the Tybee youth and Tybee pet lovers. The present council sends a message of unwelcome to youth or visitors with children or pets. As a resident I reject this council and as a tourist I would reject this town as my vacation choice.

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this council seems to have personnal agenda's or personnal issues from their few big campaign contributors that is guiding the decisions they are making and not from the majority that elected them. I also hope all the ordinary people who voted for them and did not make a monetary contribution to them are raising questions to them as to why they choose to conduct the city business this way. We seem to have regressed to the sand bubba era and that group surely destroyed the city's faith in elected

officials! I know you don't want negative remarks but this council only leaves me with constant negative and distrustful feelings.

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This council has no appreciation for the efforts of volunteers to improve otu quality of life or to improve our tourism trade.

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If it's legal, then council can do it. Also, the work of committees, while vital and appreciated by all, is not binding on council.

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It looks amazing and obviously much thought and plan went into this; clearly the details of implementation were left to experts (i.e., drainage plans, engineering, etc) but the CONCEPTUAL plans are very impressive!

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All contributions of volunteers should be respected. If it is deemed that a volunteer project is inappropriate, that should be made clear prior to investment of time, energy and hours expended. It is disturbing that newly elected officials would attack one group of volunteers without cause. They are elected to lead our community not divide it.

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I think that the issues raised in this question should be put the citizens of Tybee to decide via putting them on the ballot in this coming Nov. election. I think there have been enough citizens to speakout about these issues that we deserve the oppertunity to vote on them...

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Wake Up. Has no one noticed that quality of life on Tybee is quickly degrading and has been for the last few years. The mayor, city manager, city council and police force appear to change laws as they choose for what they want, not for the quality of life of the residents of Tybee. .

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When a volunteer group works very hard to bring all facets of Tybee life into a plan, it behooves the council to give it an airing before gutting the plan (as we have seen them do since January). As I have told the council over and over again, this is NOT what I voted for. They need to represent ALL of us, and they are being vindictive rather than serving the public. I hope that we'll find a way to bring back the skatepark AND the dog park, and I don't even have kids or dogs!

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This council does not seem to research the history or reasons for past work. I dread seeing what good work they will undo during the next two years.

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I have already voted (I'm sorry to say against the dog park), but after hearing all the passionate pleas to the city council, I have changed our mind (too late). I didn't realize how many people/dogs use and love the park. Maybe we should vote on it. The majority of residents' wishes should prevail.

I have nothing against skateboarders, but I feel that we do not have enough resident skateboarders to take on such an expense. Maybe we should vote on that too.

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Very nice looking, thoughtful plan. The dog park has already given Memorial Park a "city center" feeling, and I don't even have a dog. I do enjoy dropping by on my walk home from work at the library.

I think the plan would enhance the community feeling, bringing together different generations, backgrounds, and even species. The skate park will bring the kids into the mix in a healthy, out of doors setting. There was plenty to do here when I was growing up, and I would like to see that continued on Tybee. I hope city council will reconsider their decisions, reinstating the dog park, adding space for the skate park, and using the proposed plan as a starting point for public input on reinvigorating Memorial Park.

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I think that the dog park, skate park, and Memorial Park Master Plan are all level B or C projects. This island is already into it's tourist season, with more tourists projected this summer than last, and we still have not solved our parking, garbage and cleanup, or police issues. As recently shown, on Saturday of April 12 when a major traffic problem ocured on Hwy 80 and Campbell intersection, there was no plan in place to move the traffic quickly around the island. The garbage on Tybrisa and Butler on a Sunday afternoon and Monday morning is horrible, there are still no public bathroom replacements for the Strand, and more are needed in the newer developing business district by Tybee Oaks. As nice as Tybrisa turned out, we are still 6 parking place LESS than before. Until we get the basics taken care of and a plan for dealing with a growing tourist population (that fuels all business growth and tax dollars here, in case anyone forgot), then shame on all!

I council members for even bringing up a change in any part of Memorial Park - it is not broke. Yet. Spend no more money on it until the basic issues are fixed.

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I believe citizen input is crucial to any issue regarding use, changes, or acquisition of property on a large scale. Citizens weren't given the opportunity to voice their objections before the past council decided to spend \$7,000,000.00 to purchase the campground. I sure wish we had had open forums-- the decision was made behind closed doors; so much for open government. In addition, no one seems to mind that we're loosing hundreds of thousands of dollars on the campground, but yet we're fighting over a dog park! Get real.

The Ethics Ordinance is a flawed document that needs correction.

Volunteers are the backbone of a community; however, for groups to hold the council hostage by saying that they will no longer lift a finger to help the community if they don't get their way is not only childish but shameful.

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I think that any changes to our city's plan should be a very public process. As much effort as possible should be spent garnering the opinions of all tax payers on Tybee on these issues.

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It appears the Tybee City Council has desided they are Big Government. The Mayor has been to DC enough times that he and the council think they need to be just like them non-hearing, we know what is best for our voters, we really don't care we will do it our way anyway. Does that remind you of 99% of the elected officials you know???? It is really to bad that it only takes a very few years for elected officials to forget why and who elected them. Enough said.....

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The citizens of Tybee want a dog park and a skate park at Memorial Park, hence the plan. The park design incorporated the needs of children, adults, and yes, dogs. Please stop wasting time on issues already agreed upon by past Councils. Look to the future. we asked for a dog park. We asked for a skate park. City council found a place for both at Memorial Park. To take them away or delay the skate park, is a waste of my tax dollars and time. I fully expected that my children, husband and neighbors would be skating already. What is the delay?

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I feel that 5 people should not have that much power, that they can have meetings & make dicisions that affect thousands of people, without the Mayor being in attendance. Also, if everyone that wants the skate park,@ the dog park, should remind the 5 council members, that if they decide to run again, that

we will not vote for them. Thanks,

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I can see no logical reason for removing the existing dog park. None of the reasons listed in the paper make any sense. I strongly feel that we, the residents of this island, are not being told the true reasons behind this council's removal of the dog park and refusal to honor a citizen committee's recommendations for a skate park. When I mentioned these thoughts to one council member, I received a very smug reply. Thank goodness, we have only two year terms- I hope we can survive them (this council).

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- 1. Dog Park: The current park at its present location serves as an excellent community amenity for residents, tourists and their dogs. It brings money into our coffers. Its ironic that its present location is the only location not objected to by the neighbors.
- 2. Skate Park: I don't think you ever waste time or money in investing in our youth. Especially when they are willing to work hard for what they want. Investing in their future is one of the best ways I know to show them respect.
- 3. Volunteerism: Having lived on Tybee for a few years I am told by many Tybee 'old-timers', who I respect, that volunteerism is and has been the lifeblood of this community. Those who would thin that blood by exercising selfish motives, sprinkle bitterness liberally into the life of the community, and show little or no concern about their neighbors, and are people that I wish lived elsewhere. Being vindictive, sneaky, and seeking power rank right up there with being untrustworthy, and not worthy of respect.

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Absolute power corrupts absolutely

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We do not have a "{dog in the issue") but think things are getting out of hand. Cannot believe that an elected Council can ramroad so much!

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Tybee council clearly doesn't appreciate Tybee's spirit of volunteerism.  
 The recent council actions are a slap in the face to all non-profit volunteer groups and committees on the Island. Council is arrogantly telling the community that they don't care what the citizenry thinks -they (council) will do as it pleases.  
 The obsession with Memorial Park is quite puzzling.

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Volunteers serving on various committees bring expertise in many different fields and they play very important roles in bringing information to city staff and citizens. They apply for positions on committees and are selected according to their talents and interests. Their time and knowledge are very valuable and their hard work should not be dismissed or ignored.

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The proposed plan addressed all items identified in the resolution that Tybee City Council passed when establishing the Memorial Park committee. On an island geared towards tourism, it seems as though the residents embraced the opportunity to make this public space a place for everyone. Council shouldn't overlook the cooperation between the diverse groups that participated in the project. It should give our entire community an opportunity to comment on this plan before it makes any changes to it.

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I believe that the dog park and skate parks are just wedge issues to make our city divide itself. We currently have a dog park which most people don't 'mind', and we want a skate park which most people wouldn't 'mind' either. If it is brought as a you or them issue to the table, people are going to pick sides.  
 Currently the dog park is fine where it is, and rather than spending \$6000 to move it, or to spend more of our tax payers time and money on fighting about it, why not let sleeping dogs lie (pun intended). Move on, already. At least the space is being used properly.



## Comments

Skate park: I would have preferred the skate park be a part of Memorial park.

Dog Park: I would not be opposed to moving the dog park to the proposed Jaycee Park.

If there are changes to the existing Memorial Park Plan, council should request a revised architectural plan for presentation and input from the Tybee citizens.

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The plan for Memorial Park is a good plan with numerous items taken into consideration (DCA plan and master plan survey results) as well as a varied group who was chosen to be on the committee. The committee had to work with the elements already located in the park (firestation, cemetery, gymnasium, etc) and design around these elements in order to make sense of the park and to make all elements work and relate. There are numerous safety issues in the park that were addressed and should be implemented as a priority, i.e. driveway close to playground, limited vehicular access throughout the park (currently no barriers anywhere in park to prevent vehicular access), path/trail along Jones Avenue inside of park for walkers, bicycles, etc., and safety measures to insure safe access into park (crosswalks should be installed). Council should reconsider skate park issue since plan has been presented and clearly shows that skatepark can be located in the park, and reconsider moving the dog park, which is in a central location for all island residents. Council should also look into issue of property encroachment by duplex residents and "reclaim" the property whether or not it is utilized as designed in the plan. The architect did an excellent job of making a cohesive, attractive, logical plan out of a puzzle.

The council should not dismiss the plan based on the personal agendas of council members. The park is important to residents and to our visitors, and should get the much-needed face-lift that it so desperately needs to make it functional and attractive - make Tybee proud!

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The existence or non-existence of the Dog Park and the acceptance or rejection of the Memorial Park Plan are almost immaterial at this point.

While democratic principles help people elect officials, once elected, the responsibilities of the leaders are to ALL the citizens in the community, not just those who elected them. In Malaysia, the majority has passed laws which discriminate against the minority, preventing the minority from access to government jobs, educational opportunities, and more - this lead to years of discriminatory practices that so far as to condone violence against the minority. In this country, we have so far elected to take a higher road, trying to eliminate the prejudices of the past, some of which were widely held. The rights of minorities, whether ethnic, religious, racial, or philosophical, are just as sacrosanct as the right of the majority.

The responsibility of the elected is to become responsible LEADERS, not sheepish followers. If elected to follow unethical principles or to make decisions that would end up to the detriment of future generations, is it right that politicians would go ahead and follow such paths? Time and again, such behavior results in recalls or even jail in the worst cases. Yes, in many places, the ongoing political cronyism goes on for a very long time, but such places become jokes, bad examples, places to be shunned. Difficult decisions require thoughtful and responsible discussion and consideration of the rights of the minority as well as consideration of the will of the majority. I quote from the US State Department's web site, <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/principles/majority.htm>:

"On the surface, the principles of majority rule and the protection of individual and minority rights would seem contradictory. In fact, however, these principles are twin pillars holding up the very foundation of what we mean by democratic government.

"Majority rule is a means for organizing government and deciding public issues; it is not another road to oppression. Just as no self-appointed group has the right to oppress others, so no majority, even in a democracy, should take away the basic rights and freedoms of a minority group or individual.

"Minorities -- whether as a result of ethnic background, religious belief, geographic location, income level, or simply as the losers in elections or political debate -- enjoy guaranteed basic human rights that no government, and no majority, elected or not, should remove.

"Minorities need to trust that the government will protect their rights and self-identity. Once this is accomplished, such groups can participate in, and contribute to their country's democratic institutions.

"Among the basic human rights that any democratic government must protect are freedom of speech and expression; freedom of religion and belief; due process and equal protection under the law; and freedom to organize, speak out, dissent, and participate fully in the public life of their society.

"Democracies understand that protecting the rights of minorities to uphold cultural identity, social practices, individual consciences, and religious activities is one of their primary tasks.

"Acceptance of ethnic and cultural groups that seem strange if not alien to the majority can represent one of the greatest challenges that any democratic government can face. But democracies recognize that diversity can be an enormous asset. They treat these differences in identity, culture, and values as a challenge that can strengthen and enrich them, not as a threat.

"There can be no single answer to how minority-group differences in views and values are resolved -- only the sure knowledge that only through the democratic process of tolerance, debate, and willingness to compromise can free societies reach agreements that embrace the twin pillars of majority rule and minority rights."

Diversity is to be valued. Tolerance, debate, and compromise.

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The Memorial Park Master Plan is a great plan! What a fantastic effort by many talented folks. Council should accept the plan and associated recommendations made by the Memorial Park committee, and not cave to a minority. I note the irony of the two items being considered for removal/relocation are the only items that actually have the word "park" in them. They belong in a park, on property zoned for park activities. Recent suggestions to relocate the skate park or dog park to other areas, i.e. beautiful JC Park, could be a start down the same path that led us to having to revamp/replan Memorial Park. Now that Memorial Park is "full," it's time to start messing up JC Park? Please don't.

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I would like to see the dog park moved for the sake of the dogs. I am a veterinarian, and would like to point out that the current site provides no shade for the dogs and discourages use. Pets there could easily suffer heat stroke in the summer. However, I think input from the community is vital in determining a new location for the park. I would like to see it on the North end in Ft. Screven near the unused baseball/softball field at the Cedarwood end of the park.

In ground waste disposal units could be installed like those used by the city of Savannah downtown so owners could dispose of their pet's waste in a convenient and sanitary manner. Years ago, my husband and I would walk our dogs in that park area and we all loved it!! Lots of shade, etc. Thanks for asking for input

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I am fine with the plan...just not with the council.

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Tybee volunteers come from all walks of life and every genre and offer a wealth of talent and experience to our community. Many volunteers put in long hours of personal time without compensation to research, perform hands on work, plan, coordinate, organize, and raise funds for a myriad of causes and projects on Tybee. They save the City of Tybee thousands of dollars each year in compensation that would otherwise go to pay for expensive professional services.

For elected officials to disregard them, or make any decisions without balanced citizen input is foolish enough, but to automatically disqualify any plan or project based on limited opinions, personal likes and dislikes, biases and prejudices of exclusive groups, or special interests is a breach of the public trust! Forget the campaign rhetoric! Officials are placed in office to use every available venue to educate themselves, become informed about ideas and issues, and weigh civic and municipal matters carefully for the public good.

As they are duly paid by taxes collected from the public at large, and "hired" to represent the best interests of all local constituents, they are accountable to ALL - not just to the 27% of Tybee's registered voters who put them in office,

It's a gross waste of public resources and good will for any official to ignore, discredit, manhandle or belittle the efforts of any local volunteer, city employee, duly appointed commission, or civic minded organization,... and a shameful disservice to this community!

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The master plan was put together by the voters and land owners of Tybee even the ones who voted for this council. god bless them for their ignorance.

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There should be no skateboard park or dog park in Memorial Park.

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I viewed the plan for the park. There are lots of pretty colors, but impossible to tell what is what.

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The Dog park is dirty and not maintained and the veterans memorial should be in its place. I saw a child playing in there along with the dog feces. No other island resort ever visited had a dog park!  
skate park NOOOOOO

Dog park move out of site

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Volunteers working on The Memorial Park Master Plan is not a guarantee that plan will be approved.

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I have two issues with the plan. First, I would prefer to see the skate park placed in the north end of the 14th St. parking lot using modular equipment.

Second, the proposed Veterans' Memorial is redundant and unnecessary as included in the plan.

There is an existing memorial on the south side of the entrance to City Hall which shows signs of obvious neglect. It would seem that those interested in this memorial would have done more over the years to upgrade, update and improve this memorial if they were truly interested in remembering our veterans. The current memorial could be improved with some low level lighting, a bench or two and appropriate names added. While I myself am not a veteran, my father was a WWII veteran, a General, and my oldest son currently serves in the USAF and will begin his third tour in the Iraqi arena in May.

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I not only disagree with the Master Plan for Memorial Park but with Tybee's Maser Plan in general. I made my decision to invest on Tybee and move here because I fell in love with this unique and eclectic place. The current planning is a move to turn Tybee "vanilla". Why is it necessary for Tybee to become a mini-St.Simon's? Let's keep Tybee Quirky!

The public officials and the city management seem to have an agenda all their own. Have they forgotten they are public servants?

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You have lumped too many issue together. I don't think that many issues (4) under one statement gives a true representation of beliefs. People are going to vote/disagree according to their special interests.

TYBEE DOG PARK - it seems to me the City Council is trying to work with the Tybee Dog Park People. SKATE PARK - majority of residence didn't want and previous council (with mayor's pushing) approved. I guess it was appropriate/OK for last City Council to take action against residents wishes then, but now it's not.

MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN was commissioned by majority of previous council members, knowing that majority of residence didn't like Tybee Dog Park location, want a skate park or a swimming pool (which was suggested by an outgoing council member).

ETHICS ORDINACE Ordinance should not be changed for the convenience of certain council members.

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The Ad Hoc Committees' Master Plan is obviously in a dynamic state. It should "absolutely" be accepted by Council!! Good Leaders generally accept all of the work delegated to those trusted in making good decisions based on a committees efforts. Our present leaders? continue to reject everything placed in front of them if in any way is/was sponsored by those outside of TIRPOAs grasp. What an insult to Tybee residents. The small skate park should be where the Master Plan suggested. The Dog Park is in the only logical place it can be on Tybee; right in front of those visitors who happen to drive by & by chance see a place to run their four legged family members; locals can walk to it. The Veterans Memorial is in the Place where the "Veterans" want it & is also in a place that makes sense. The remainder of the Plan also makes sense. Lets adopt the Plan & move on to other important Tybee issues.

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I am very favorably impressed with the wisdom and vision of the Ad Hoc committee. The practical aspects (put drainage in first) coupled with compliance with regulations (ADA etc) shows wisdom and foresight. The addition of vegetation and natural barriers is wonderful. I also agree with their recommendations for the dog park, skate park and exclusion of the public safety facility. I do have reservations about the restriction on events. Historically, Memorial Park has hosted picnic and retirement parties by local banks and businesses. Family picnics and even a wedding or two. These appear to be specifically excluded under events and also restricted by the requirement for parking capacity. There is a great deal of metered parking available surrounding the park which should be taken into consideration when allowing events on the grounds. I do not understand why profit making organizations should be exclusively restricted from use of the park. Perhaps a schedule of fees that consider the nature of the event would be more appropriate. It appears strange to restrict events based on the nature of the business rather than the nature of the event. Some of most enjoyable times in Memorial Park are events like Celebrate Tybee and the art shows. These appear to be quite restricted by the Ad Hoc committee's recommendations. Not only would the shows be impacted by the restrictions above, they would not be able to display signs, even to identify the artists. I believe that this type of event promotes a positive image of Tybee and is should be supported. Other than that, congratulations for a job well done.

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I think it is a great plan with the needs of multiple users considered and allowed for...what a lovely rendering from the Architect. A really small group of vocal naysayers is leading this Council around by the nose and the Council actions so far are tantamount to a late term abortion procedure on long range plans that the majority of us think enhance the quality of life on Tybee. These multiple facets of the park are for the diversity of people who live and visit on Tybee.

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This plan was well thought out and put together. City council should stop playing politics, stop pandering to tirpoa, stop trying to turn Tybee into a Suncity retirement village and pass this plan as is. why have committees if they are going to change all of their hard work?

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It's a great plan that was recommended by a group of thoughtful volunteers and professionals.

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You don't have to be a professional park designer to recognize good features in municipal parks. The Memorial Park Committee represented many groups from the island and it is a well-rounded plan. I believe the skateboard park should be revisited by town council as a skateboard park is not a new activity for Tybee. The park in question merely replaced an older model. Skateboarders are clean cut athletes for the most part--not druggy hoodlums as some would have us believe. They deserve our support.

I also support the dog park in Memorial Park. Shade can easily become part of the park with islands of palms and man-made shade with a "Gates-like" series of pieces of nylon fabric (as in the huge exhibit in Central Park a few years ago as seen recently on GA Public Television). It could even use 3-dimensional giant letters spelling "Tybee". The dogs could even do some agility training with them. I and many others would be happy to landscape around the outside of the white fencing to dress it up, too.

The only recommendation I would add to the plan would be to add a raised platform with wide steps around it (which could be used for seating to view band concerts, outdoor movies, etc. The raised platform could be used for presenting awards at the end of the Tybee Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K, etc.

It would also be nice to have some small cafe tables with chess/checker tops and chairs scattered throughout the park. Could the town also lease out a small space to a vendor for great coffee and soft drinks, snacks, etc. as there are no other food vendors in the area except for Marlin Monroes.

Exactly what the park should NOT HAVE is the thing that scares all of us: cops, jail, and court. That is the underbelly of society and is DEFINITELY NOT a tourist attraction. To put that sort of complex into a park that should represent an enjoyable place for life to be celebrated would be INSANE. Let's think tourist marketing, please to support our local businesses.

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Leave the dog park where it is. Don't impose of the people who use Jaycee park or live nearby just to appease the very very few who even want a dog park at all

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Comments- Issue -2 = 1. No room in the park for the skate park - if the community needs one for the youth then let the skate committee take Pat Ferrell up on his offer and lead the way to build a first class facility where skaters can do their thing without creating problems in residential areas. I suggest a place like the athletic fields where parents could park and watch and not use it as a drop off service.

According to the property management companies, TYbee is not suffering from the lack of a skate park, they are reporting great bookings this year with more rental inventory than ever.

2. Dog Park - who do you know that put a dog run in their front yard. Think of all the exercise the dog owners would get walking their dogs to Jaycee Park to play in the shade next to the ball field, play ground and Guard House. What a great enhancement to the nursing homes. Think how much the residents in the nursing homes would enjoy a visit to the dog park for pet therapy everyday. Come on and admit it's a better place for everyone, dogs, owners and visitors. Pick a day, publicize it and I bet you will be surprised how many people show up to help move the fence. Both dog owners and pet lovers with no dogs.

3. Put the Memorial for those in which the park was named to honor in the prime and highly visible location along Butler. Why hide it in the back of the park?

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Memorial park is a perfect location for Tybee to offer it's visitor a "little something for everyone". The new Memorial Park master plan clearly provides that.

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The proposed plans needs to be addressed as a whole by the council and addressed as a whole.

Make a list of all the uses that are proposed for the park and a list of all the potential users. Then the questions needs to be asked: Is there any demographic that is left out? Is there a variety of activities available. Does it provide recreational opportunities while leaving some open green space? If those questions are answered, then the park plan needs to be adopted basically as a whole. If not, then the

entire plan needs to be reexamined with those questions in mind.

Everyone needs to put aside their own personal preferences - and the preferences of any group that helped in the election - and look at the needs of Tybee as a whole! Work for Tybee not for a faction of Tybee.

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The Master Plan takes into account the blend of Tybee as a lived-in community as well as a tourist destination. As most tourist-related businesses know, many tourists now travel with their dogs as part of the entourage. The Dog Park is a big attraction to many of them and will be more so in the future. Also, resident dog owners obviously enjoy the facility since many do not have fenced yards and dogs can't run on the beach or freely about the neighborhoods. It's a great service to residents. I also think the Skate Park serves a segment of our population that is underserved. We all want our young people engaged in healthy activity but we tend to do little to help make that happen. The Skate Park will benefit all of us by providing young people with a place to gather and play. Busy kids don't get in trouble. The Memorial belongs near the cemetery as part of the quieter area of the Park. Let the Park really belong to all the people by serving a variety of needs and interests and activities.

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City Council should follow the recommendations of the Memorial Park Master Plan, including keeping the Dog Park in Memorial Park, and adding a skate park.

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The architectural rendering of the Memorial Park Master Plan looks awesome and I wish City Council would implement what is depicted exactly as shown or very similar to what is shown. One of my big concerns was that a large green space be maintained in the middle of the park for art festivals, children to run and play freely, etc. and this plan maintains that green space. I also think the proposed locations of the dog park and skate park away from the new veterans memorial and cemetery properly separates different uses of the park so they won't interfere with each other. The only change I would recommend would be to move the future helicopter landing area outside of the large green space area if possible. I think it will visually degrade the overall beauty of the park.

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Memorial park only has so much green space. I feel that should be the main vision here. That is what folks enjoy. A place where they can stretch, have picnics and let their kids run around. The park is not capable of meeting the needs of all the projects suggested in the master plan. Could not the landing pad be placed somewhere else? Could not the skate park be placed in another area. With just so much green space left----- things have got to get very creative. I feel very strongly that Memorial park needs to stay intact just as it is. I hope things don't get over-done and too crowded there.

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The dog park should be moved. Whoever thought of putting a dog park in the middle of an open HOT field, I'm sorry wasn't thinking. Unlike humans, dogs do not have the sweat glands that we have. They have a sweat gland between their toes and they cool themselves by panting. Dogs need to be able to run and then rest in the shade not in 100-degree weather and off the chart humidity.....

Stop the grumbling and back-stabbing and get on board and do your homework. Whomever said people won't be able to find the park if they move it....come on, the island is 2 x 3....if they get lost then they don't belong on Tybee. Get off of Eddie Crone's back for making the suggestion.

Would you prefer for the visitors to Tybee drive down Butler Avenue and smell the aroma of baking dog poop in the middle of the summer??

Jeesh, grumble about something more important

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We are against the skate park on Tybee Island. As far as the dog park is concerned, perhaps some place in Ft. Screven where there are shade trees and benches would be a better alternative. As it is, in the summer the dog park is far too hot for a dog or its owner to enjoy.

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I thought the proposed Memorial Park Master Plan looked beautiful and it seemed to be a great compromise for all residents on Tybee.

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I think the Master Plan is a good combination of Memorial Space, Safety Needs centrally-located with the Fire Department, Play Areas with the younger children's playground, the Skatepark for older youth and adults as well, Educational/Recreational Facilities with the old Tybee School, and Picnic Areas. what a wonderful balance of existing space for all these diverse activities.

I am thrilled to see the possibility of moving the Tybee Dog Park to a much more natural setting in Jaycee Park, with trees, shade, birds and squirrels, greenery, and soft grass to run around on, in addition to adjacent water for drinking, park benches, and the natural buffer zone created by the "island" of land surrounded by the streams, which results in distancing the park from area residents. An excellent choice! Since many people already drive to the park, this new location should not be inconvenient considering the better conditions of the Jaycee Park area.

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I can only repeat my statements from above. The current council does not represent my values, beliefs or needs as a citizen. To my friends and families whom have visited Tybee in the past, I only send the message that this is no longer the friendly place you used to want to come visit and spend your tourist dollars. Stay away, because apparently the current council does not want your children or pets to come to our island. If you have a big enough wallet to buy property here I suppose you are welcome. Sadly we know, those persons will only become landlords. They will not spend their dollars here locally and will not love and appreciate Tybee's unqiues qualities. Thes new landowners will not care about our concerns or valuable green qualities. The evil dollar appears to have won. What a waste of a beautiful island and environment.

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I know that majority of the Island is not being heard on these issues. What I want to know is EXATLY who is city council listening and contributing to? From what I see at the meetings they are definitely NOT listening to the public, but have already made up their minds and not to mention are very nasty in response to the people of Tybee Island. The veterans, dog park users, and families to utilize all park plans should be the ones making the final decisions for the Memorial Park Master Plan; NOT that city council!

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I commend the volunteers for all their work. As a volunteer I would have been furious at the thought of not having this plan and report given to the public. My comment would be anything is better than what we have now and it was free. The memorial should go ahead immedialely and then build the park around that as the city has funds both private donations, grants and city money. I would make the skate board park larger much larger and think about the placement of the firehouse entrance to the side street. I also wonder what surprises this council will have for this space since they did not seem happy to see such a wonderful, complete and very professional report and plan. They aren't listening and that was clear by their reactions in the meeting. I do not trust this council.

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Rendering is very difficult to see. Some think the library is proposed to be moved. Need to a clearer plan.

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No skate park. Period. Dog park would be much better in Jaycee park. It looks like an afterthought in its present location.

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I think the ad-hoc committee did an outstanding job on this plan and the Council should approve as submitted...I also feel that our current Council has so far shown that they have personal adgenda items that they are acting upon, if they continue to act in this manner I think it is time for the "Citizens of Tybee to start 'RECALL' proceedings on the majority of them (5 OF THE 6)"...

Also: As it relates to the most recent vote to remove the "DOG PARK" totally, I think this was a knee-jert reaction and this Council needs to rethink this issue and as stated above give the Citizens of Tybee a Vote on the matter.

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I commend the committee members who worked hard and long completing this task. They took much into consideration and produced a great plan. It is my hope that the plan will be taken seriously and implemented soon. Of course, parts of the plan have already been 'scrapped' even before the public comment time period is concluded. This does not bode well for the rest of the plan.

I think the drainage issues and the plantings should be the first to be implemented. The Veteran's Memorial is in the MOST appropriate place, near the cemetery and reflective gardens. Parking and the outer path are great in this plan. None of this should cost much and many of the gardens can be planted by volunteers (if allowed to).

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A dog park in a shaded area that is PET AND PEOPLE FRIENDLY would be great

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Comments- Issue -2 = Again, I wish the council would give it a public airing before gutting it. I think this council will be hard pressed to find consensus-building volunteers to work on these ad hoc committees when their work gets tossed without any regard for public sentiment.

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In favor of the dog park.

Opposed to the skate park.

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Forget all of this expense until parking, garbage on busy weekends, and police coverage on the streets is taken care of.

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The Tybee Council has become the laughingstock of the lowcountry. People are incredulous that they do not want the skate park, the dog park, or the recycling trailers. I do not believe we should have the court/jail/police in Memorial Park.

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The design needs to have a comment and study period before any further discussions or changes are made.

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yesterday evening I attended the "SAFETY COMMITTEE" meeting. Do you know the Firm the city hired from Jacksonville used the "ARCHITETURAL" plans drawn up by the "MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTE" (volunteers) for their plans and this group is being paid. Oh yes, this is a plan to put Tybee police station in Memorial Park....

WHAT IS UP WITH THAT???????

This "SAFETY COMMITTEE" wanted to put it to a vote BEFORE they even READ the report.....

WHAT IS UP WITH THAT???????

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I think the committee has done a yeoman's job in drafting the MPMP. It is well thought out and presented. I question the number of parking spaces available for all the activities this park will support though. Parking seems to be at a premium on Tybee. By what mechanism will park patrons be distinguished from those parking in the spaces for beach use? I like the overall concept of the plan and look forward to hearing a more detailed discussion of it through public meetings.

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Hard work from volunteers means nothing - same answer as with #1....

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Council should make the plan available for public comment for 30 days then make their decision.

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What are we waiting on! Tybrisa looks great. This park needs to be completed.

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The dog park & skate park are all activities of a park.

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I think think the report is very well thought out and the rendering would be a wonderful addition to our community. What a shame that our elected officials don't agree.

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Memorial Park Master Plan: I highly respect and admire the citizens who worked for many hard hours in putting the Memorial Park Master Plan report together. It will not be easy, inexpensive or quickly implemented, but what this park can mean to the community makes the time, effort and money to be invested run a close second to the value in investing in our children and youth. I would be proud to help in any way I can to move this plan forward and to try to iron out what very few very tiny wrinkles would need such attention. My hat is off to this committee, I would have been honored to work with you but question what little value I may have added to your efforts.

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There was an agreement when the hideous gym was voted on, not to have any more buildings put in our parks and to preserve as much green space as possible. And that has worked very well up till now. We do not need a police station in a park. Especially a park in which we are trying to have all the children's activities. Who ever heard of a jail in a park? Can these council people please focus on the issues that really face Tybee and stop trying to win "Stupid Council of the Year?" How many more editorial cartoons is it going to take?

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WE Think Council should listen to the citizens of Tybee and vote accordingly. They are a group closed to the citizens of Tybee. It is unbelievable!! WE are indeed embarrassed to associate with what's happening on Tybee.

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Dog park should not be in such a central and visible location on Tybee; Plan tries to crowd too many things into Memorial Park. We can't please everyone and the emphasis should be on more open space for large gatherings like art fairs, large family gatherings etc.

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Tybee prides itself on providing services to its citizens & tourists, but it must realize this wouldn't be possible without the invaluable support of its volunteers. A good volunteer program encourages groups and individuals to participate in areas that appeal to their passions and showcase their expertise. Volunteers provide an effective and efficient means of supporting and enhancing city-sponsored programs, some of which may never reach their full potential without the generous assistance of volunteers. And while volunteering fosters personal satisfaction, it also encourages a sense of ownership in the community, which is something that appears to be waning on our island.

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I like the new set up ~ but I also agree with other commenters that we need to do something about bathrooms (NOT our ocean ~ yuck!) and cleanups after busy weekends.

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First, I have no opinion on the skate park. But I have observed that the dog park is clean and friendly and that the money to remove it should have been used on a few trees to add some shade. I see many people gathering there with their dogs and have heard nothing but good comments.

The MP master plan and the ethics ordinance both need to be examined under official public hearings. If there is need for any change, it should be openly discussed and perhaps brought to an official vote.

Volunteers are the lifeline of any community, who would question that?

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First, we owe a huge thanks to the committee that produced the MPMP. It is excellent work, very thoughtful regarding a wide variety of needs. It seems to address most of the concerns raised about controversial projects like the skate park (and now the dog park though I didn't realize until recently that the dog park was controversial).

The general look and layout recommend it highly. I hope the City Council will follow the committee's recommendations. I hope they will include everything recommended by the committee including the skate park and the dog park. I also hope they will not place the new public safety building in or near the park for all the reasons the committee listed.

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I love the Master Plan and feel it should be approved as it is developed.

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I love the proposed master plan for Memorial Park and salute the volunteers for their visionary proposal. If council is truly representative of the citizens of this island, they will adopt the plan in its entirety, including the skatepark and dogpark. It's time for council to step into the 21st century and recognize the value these amenities add to a community. There's a place in the park for everyone!

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Kudos to the committee and Gary Sanders for an excellent proposal. As a skater and parent of skaters, I want the skatepark built in Memorial Park!

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The proposed master plan is excellent. I fully support including both the dog park and skatepark and like the parking plan.

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Keep the skatepark and dog park in the plans! I'm 22 years old, own two dogs, and love to skate. I expect my city government to meet my recreational needs too.

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Implementation of the proposed master plan will turn Memorial Park into a beautiful oasis on this island. Inclusion of the skatepark and dog park will meet the needs of so many residents and visitors. Why does it seem that the current council sees everything as "either/or" when we can have it all? I want the skatepark and dog park in Memorial Park!

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The plan looks ambitious (good!).

Dog park is so very necessary.

Skate park seems like a lot of fun for kids. If we can afford it, let's do it!

Parking issue: how would beach goers be prevented from using park spaces? I don't think it would be possible.

Organizing a "Friends of Memorial Park" is a good idea.

About the future possibility of using gym for swimming pool--is the gym being used for anything now?

What a shame that ugly building is taking up such a big chunk of the park.

Having historical markers and preserving the pavilions' original designs are nice touches, but really the main point of the park is recreation. Seems like safety and utility are more important than history for this particular space.

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