



Board Meeting Agenda Abstract

Monday, March 9, 2026

Location:

Agenda Item

Conceptual Design Selection - Library Park - (Cox) - Item 6.A

Item Explanation

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a selection of a preferred conceptual design for Library Park.

Staff Comments

Town staff, in collaboration with Site Collaborative, have developed concept renderings for potential improvements to Library Park, located at 116 South Aiken Street. On September 2, 2025, the Town Board received a presentation on two initial concepts, which were subsequently shared on Let's Talk FV for public review and comment. A total of 240 responses were collected, with approximately 45% favoring preserving the park's passive, primarily open and unprogrammed character while recommending enhancements including landscaping, restroom facilities, accessible pathways, picnic areas, seating, updated play equipment, improved lighting, and security cameras. Approximately 25% supported the Park Plaza concept, 15% supported the Mini-golf concept, and 15% expressed neutral opinions. In response to this feedback, Town staff have collaborated with Site Collaborative to develop a third concept that reflects community input.

The Armed Services Memorial Concept 3 was recommended by Management and Staff at the Town Board's February 17 meeting. At that time, the Town Board tabled conceptual design selection to allow additional time for consideration. Concept 3 will improve the user experience at Library Park through the addition of amenities, while reflecting the community's desire for unprogrammed community gathering spaces in Downtown Fuquay. In addition, this concept provides an opportunity to honor military veterans and those that have made sacrifices for the country, something requested in community feedback for this master plan as well as in park facility master planning processes in recent years.

Management and staff recommend selection of design Concept 3 and advancing this design through design development to construction drawings. This recommendation is made subject to the Town Board desiring to make the necessary level of investment to achieve the proposed improvements.

Fiscal Note

No

The Town Board established a project budget of \$1 million in FY 2025 for design and enhancements to Library Park. \$214K has been committed to the Library Park design. An additional \$1.15 million is anticipated to be required to complete construction. Construction cost will be refined during the design process and funding will be identified in the FY 2027 Budget.

Recommendation

MOTION TO: Approve Concept 3, the Armed Services Memorial/Plaza as the recommended final conceptual design for the Library Park Project as presented and recommended.

ATTACHMENTS