



## SANDY SPRINGS

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TO: Eden Freeman, City Manager  
FROM: Dave Wells, Director of Facilities/Capital Construction and Building Operations  
DATE: August 9, 2022 Submission for the September 6, 2022 City Council Work Session  
ITEM: Veterans Memorial Park Overview and Water Fountain Concepts

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***Recommendation:***

Provide Council guidance on Veterans Memorial Park design.

***Discussion:***

As far back as September of 2015, as part of the Sandy Springs City Center Site Master Plan, there was an approved design that included a park in the triangle-shaped lot between Mt. Vernon Highway and Johnson Ferry Road. The park was envisioned as a new, passive park for the City to offer a front row seat to the City Springs Performing Arts Center. The City's desire was and still is that the park be consistent with the overall planning and landscape architecture developed for City Springs. The park included a fountain similar to the one located on the west side of Roswell Road. The idea behind the two paralleling fountains along Roswell Road was to provide a gateway effect as you entered the City Springs area.

The park project was dependent on the TSPLOST TS191 project and in 2019, City Council authorized City management to move forward with a plan to develop the triangle property as a Veterans Memorial Park ("Park"). To advance that direction, the City issued a purchase order to Barge Design Solutions to begin a preliminary concept plan for the Park. As the landscape architect for City Springs, Barge had a strong relationship with the City with particular knowledge of the City Springs construction site and the surrounding area. The project design consisted of a 2 acre park from Roswell Road to the Fulton County Library and includes a veterans memorial courtyard, monumental artwork, gateway fountain, walkways and landscape.

The architect's estimated cost for this project is \$4,747,802. Separate from this project is the \$25.3M TSPLOST TS-191 project, of which \$729,217 is estimated for the park area.

***Financial Impact:***

The current construction estimate from Barge Design Solutions is \$4,747,802 (with the previous gateway fountain included). Council requested City Staff to look at alternatives that reduced the cost of the fountain. Staff has performed this task and has two alternate designs (and cost budgets) for Council to review.

***Review:***

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***Attachments:***

1. Veterans Park Update V1