

# Seguin Veteran's Park Master Plan

Intersection of Jefferson & Erkel, Seguin, TX



On 4 May, 2009, members from the major Guadalupe County Veteran's Service Organizations (VSOs), members from the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners and Civic leaders met to form a Seguin Veteran's Park Redevelopment Steering Committee (hereafter the Committee) for the express purpose of redeveloping and rededicating Seguin's Veteran Park (hereafter the Park) located at the intersection of Jefferson and Erkel streets. At this short meeting, goals were discussed as well as some early on roles within the committee. A main detail addressed was the formation of a master plan that will be submitted to the Seguin City Parks Board for their consideration and approval. As a Master Plan is, indeed, a plan to live by, the Committee must follow through with the long-range action program to implement the Vision. However, it is also true that implementation of the plan is based on assumptions and data from a snapshot in time. Change is unavoidable. Strategies should be prioritized to provide adequate time and opportunity to fulfill some of the more long-term efforts.

A second meeting of the Committee was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. At this meeting topics discussed were the "Wish List", and possible funding/labor/material sources. Also discussed was the layout of the park and duties of various organizations and individuals in the completion of the park as well as dividing the Master Plan into Phases.

The Plan includes a specific list of actions, time frames, responsibility allocation, and land development ideas. This schedule should be reviewed on an annual basis, and adjustments made in response to changes that occur in scheduling, opportunity, and completion of identified strategies.

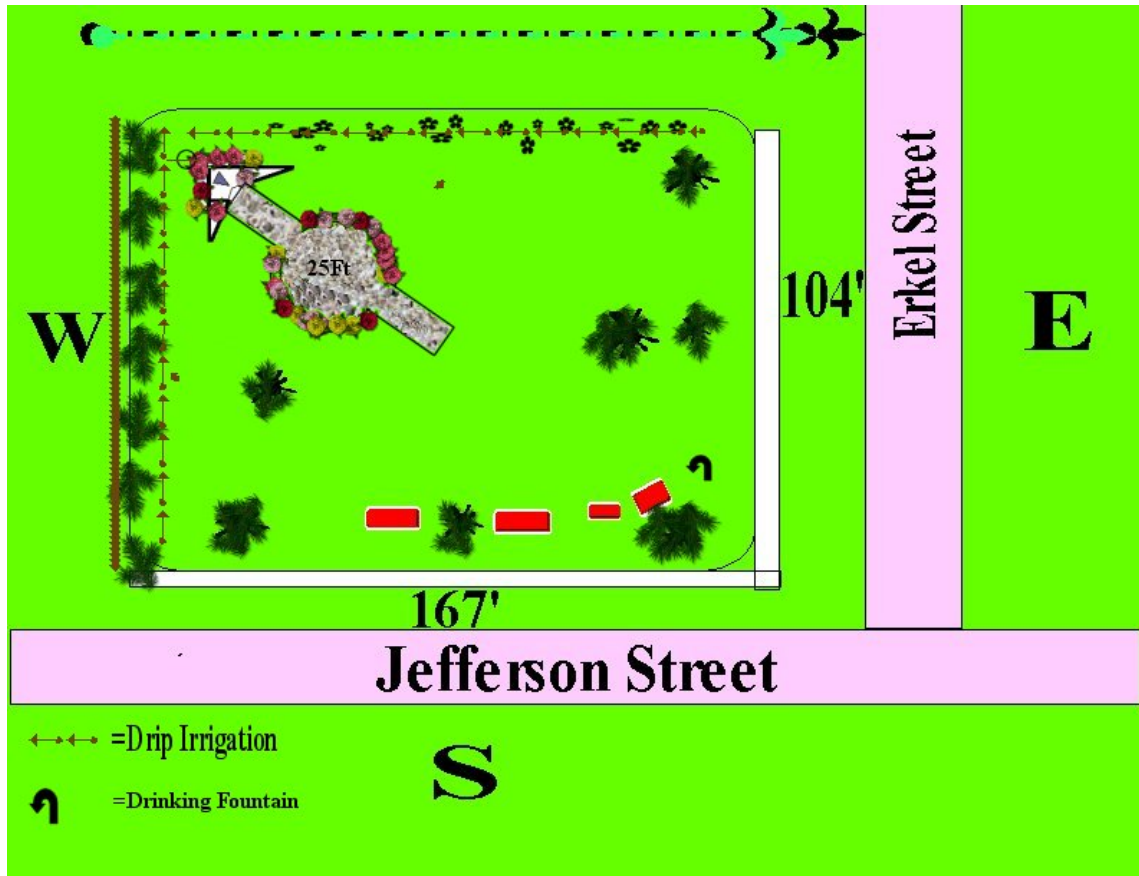
Implementation of these strategies must occur in a manner that enhances the committee's ability to attain the goals and objectives identified in the plan. A logical sequence of actions acknowledges the needs of the committee, impacts on funding, staffing and infrastructure levels, and is flexible enough to adjust to unexpected circumstances, opportunities or delays. These strategies require the cooperative effort of several individuals and groups for completion.

**Below is a list of items to be accomplished and the phases they are to be accomplished.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Phase</b>
30' Architectural Quality Flagpole for the U.S. Flag	I
25' Architectural Quality Flagpoles for Texas and POW Flags	I
25 ft diameter aggregate circular court as a base to the flags	I
Embedded lights to highlight flags at the base of the flagpoles	I
Power-wash/clean monument (DAV)	I
Install sprinkler system (Completed by Maldonado Nursery)	I
Connect Monument sprinklers to main sprinkler line. Convert existing sprinkler heads to drip system (if needed)	I
Resurrection of Memorial Rose Garden with hearty roses suitable for Texas climate and having low maintenance qualities as well	I
Paint Expanded metal backdrop behind memorial (dark bronze or black)	I
Power outlet located conveniently at the SW edge of the circular base (includes excavation, wire run, and socket).	I
Walk-way from center of park to the flag base, then continuing from flag base to the monument	I or II
Develop "history" of park to be incorporated into some kind of display	I or II
Privacy Fence to run from sidewalk adjacent to Jefferson St on the SW corner of the park, running north to the hurricane fence on north side of park Ed Gotthardt received an estimate from Josie's Fencing	II
Perimeter fence around park to match that at the Court House Monument	II
New signs for park	II
Obtain City Heritage Marker for Park	II
Repair/replace benches. Veteran Orgs looking into donating new benches.	II
Water fountain	II
Veterans Wall for Guadalupe County's Deceased Veterans (TBD)	III
Plan for future playground (if desired)	III

## Layout

- 1) Map of park (not to scale) w/distance measurements was provided to get overall view of the park. Pictures were also provided by AL and DAV to look at current condition of park.



- 2) The park will be redeveloped to link with aspects of the Veterans Memorial located at the Court House in Seguin. A privacy fence lined with shrubbery on the west side of the park will be built to enhance the park grounds. Shrubs were also suggested for the north side as well.
- 3) Flags would be arranged in a triangle manner with the US flag in front and the Texas and POW/MIA flags lower and behind. (alternative is 3 in line with POW in Middle, requires 2-30' Poles versus 1).
- 4) Lighting to illuminate flags properly would be embedded in base for easy maintenance.
- 5) Roses to be replanted in the memorial as originally intended. Surrounding plants to be culled or trimmed as necessary to enhance monument. Possible tree plantings in future.

## Duties of Committee Groups

- 1) Veteran Organizations and civic leaders to raise funds, labor, and material for the park.
- 2) Master Gardeners will design a Landscape Plan of the park based on the wish lists and Phased incorporation as laid out by Veteran Organizations and approved by Parks Department. Master Plan to be confirmed by Veteran Organizations and then submitted to the Parks Commission.
- 3) City (Via Parks Dept) to maintain park through regular mowing/trimming and water schedule. Provide no-cost inspectors and utility expertise in laying electrical work.

## Steering Committee Members

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