

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP
DESTIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020
ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

*****Core Value of the Month - Respect*****

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

WORKSHOP

A. Destin Fire Control District Lease - Clement Taylor Park

1) Written comments from the public

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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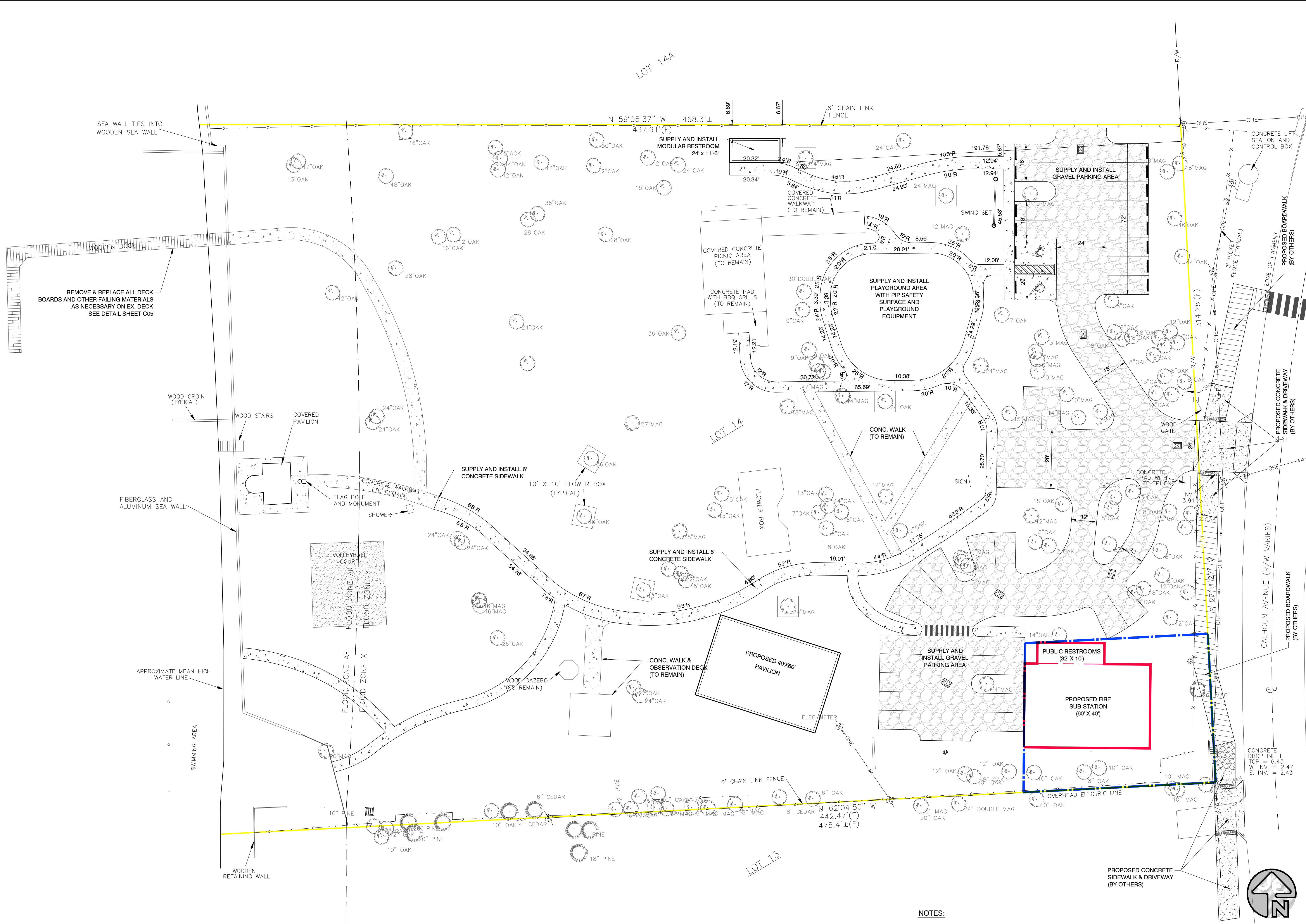
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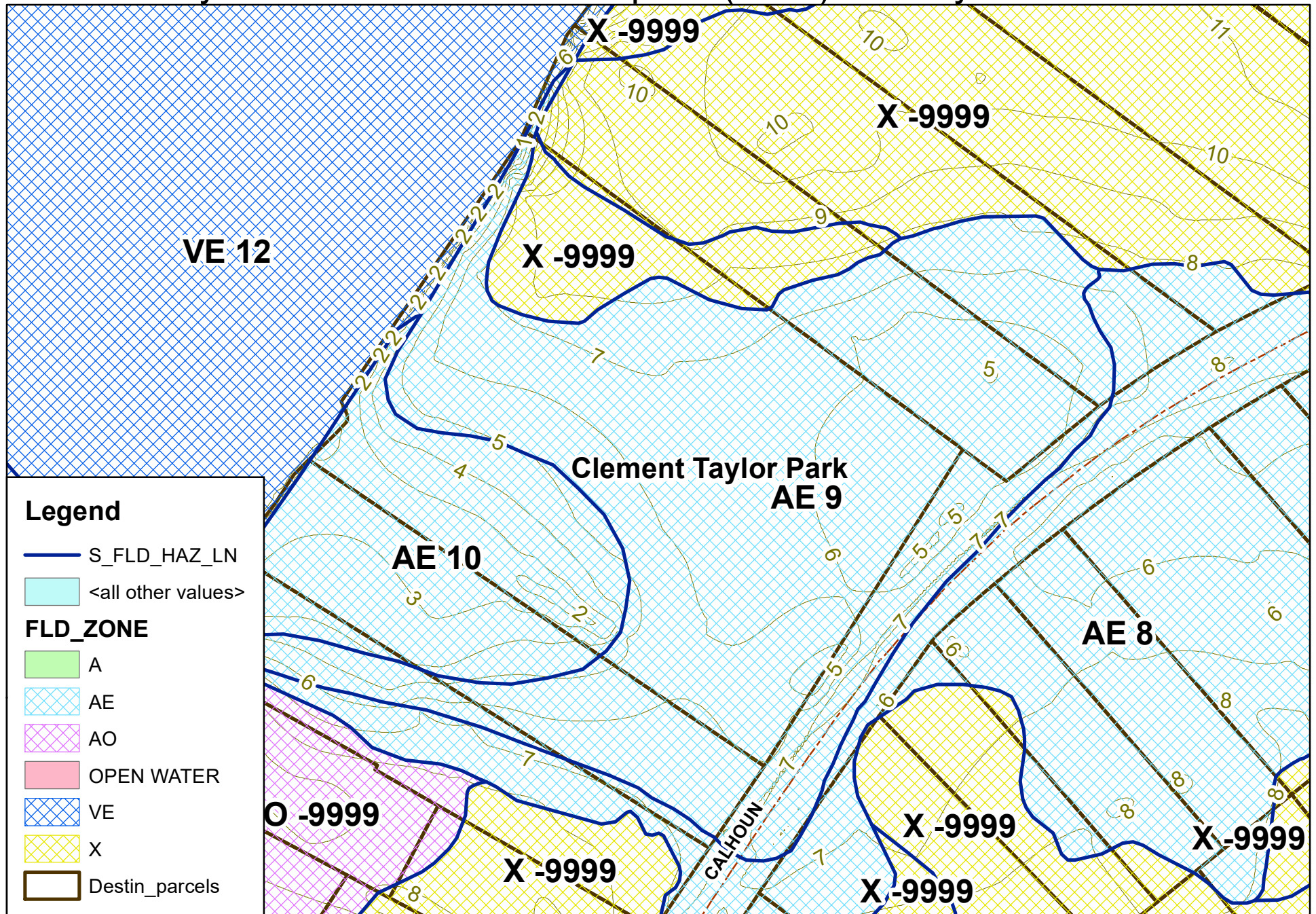
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Clement Taylor Park w/ current Floodplain (2021) Overlay



Rey Bailey

From: Amy Barnes <run4fun027@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor Park

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Hello my name is Amy Barnes and address My address is 901 Valparaiso Boulevard. I would like to let the City Council know I DO NOT want a fire station built in beautiful Clement Taylor Park.

Thank you,
Amy Barnes

Rey Bailey

From: Anna Babin <annababy32541@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Fire station at Clement Park.

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I live at 541 Calhoun Ave. I am against fire Dept being At Clement park. Dangerous for children that would be playing there and adults as well. I do believe they need a new place to be. Seems so much more feasible to be in the new park that would be having commercial rentals and so forth rather than where children and schools and adults have been going for many many years to play and swim at Clement Park.
Can you Imagine in all of that all of a sudden the fire department has to put the sirens on and Dash out to put out a fire. God bless them!
Wouldn't the children be terrified???
This is my vote. Please consider that. Thank you so much.
Anna Babin

Sent from my iPhone

Rey Bailey

From: SharkBait <floridasharkbait@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 10:54 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor park

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We say NO to the fire substation at Clement Taylor Park. Surely there is somewhere else it can go. Locals hardly have a beach to go to anymore and there is hardly any undeveloped land in Destin for us to enjoy...leave our park alone!

Brian and Crystal Ayers
641 Sea View Drive
Destin, FL 32541

Sent from my iPhone

Rey Bailey

From: Broc McPherson <bambam040802@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 10:51 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor Park

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To whom it may concern,

It would be quite devastating to see yet another area of beautiful land full of trees torn down and replaced with cement. Growing up in Destin over the past 18 years, it has been heartbreaking to see Destin become what it has. The scarcity of natural land and the abundance of buildings and new foundations is insane. I hope to see Destin for how beautiful it is, not an eyesore littered with buildings.

Broc McPherson
708 Main Street
Destin, Florida

Rey Bailey

From: Daniella Piper <daniellampiper@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Council
Subject: Fwd: Comment related to Workshop Proposed Land Use at Clement Taylor Park

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Subject: Comment related to Workshop Proposed Land Use at Clement Taylor Park
To: <clerk@cityofdestin.com>

Good Morning,

I am a Destin resident and would like to make a comment to be entered into the record for the Workshop being held on Monday September 28 regarding the land use proposed for Clement Taylor Park.

This is a lovely historic waterfront park that was given to the people of Destin for their families to enjoy. It was not given to us to build a municipal building I do not believe that was ever the intent of the family that donated the park. There are no remaining public spaces in Destin with such quiet natural beauty. The old growth natural canopy setting and beautiful sunset views over the bay at the park have been enjoyed by Destin families for generations.

As a property owner in Destin I have been so disappointed in the lack of beach access for locals and the way the City Council has dealt with waterfront access in the past. I am hoping in this instance the city will protect the interests of the locals and preserve the Old Florida heritage of this park.

There is property owned by the City on Siebert that is currently a vacant lot and would be an excellent location for a substation. I would like to propose that location for the sub-station.

A historic waterfront park is NOT an appropriate location for a fire station. A fire station would destroy the tranquility of this lovely place. I also understand mission creep. I think once a station is located in the park it will become very difficult if not impossible to deny any request by the fire department for further development of the station, and eventual access by the fire department of the boat dock. I am concerned the end result will be that we will lose even more public waterfront access. WE will lose the swimming area there and the lovely unobstructed view of the bay.

If a fire station is needed the City needs to do the right thing and allocate funds to purchase a safe and appropriate location for the sub station that is NOT located in a beautiful historic waterfront park that is utilized by families and small children.

If the intent here is to secure a waterfront location for a first responder site, this is not the appropriate location. I am asking you to please do the right thing and find a more suitable location for the sub-station, and please protect our beautiful historic waterfront park.

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Sincerely,

Daniella Piper
608 Main Street
Destin, FL 32541

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Sincerely,

Daniella Piper

Rey Bailey

From: Debby Brunson <debbylynn61@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 7:20 AM
To: Rey Bailey; Council
Subject: WE DO NOT SUPPORT A FIRE STATION/TRUCK AT THE PARK ON CALHOUN AVENUE

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Ray and Council,

My husband and I own property at 528 Kelly Street and a few other properties and we both grew up in Destin using the park that's on the water at Calhoun Avenue. We used to swim and PLAY and I want to be able to take my grandchildren and friend's children there WITHOUT THE FIRE TRUCKS in the way. THEY DO NOT BELONG THERE.

There is property on Siebert and this vacant lot will suffice nicely for the fire truck and station. NO NEED TO MESS UP A KIDS PARK.

We love this park and understand that a fire station placed in this lovely park will disrupt the tranquility and the old Florida beauty of the park. The city has property less than a mile away they could use for the sub station. JUST do it and do not allow a fire truck in the park.

In June 2020 a woman was hit and killed by a fire truck and in March 2020 a child was run over by a fire truck in Jacksonville, Florida. Do your research and you will see that it's not only dangerous but it's insane to put a fire truck there in a kids park that could potentially KILL an adult or a child. Remember, they are rushing out to an emergency and kids are "free, running around" in parks and can easily get into their path!

Placing the fire station in the park is a terrible idea. The funds have already been allocated to renovate the restrooms - city has been NEGLIGENT for so long taking care of this park thus far under the direction of LANCE JOHNSON.

Once a fire station is built in the park it will be very difficult if not impossible to keep them from increasing the size of the sub station.

The city will continue to expand which means they will want to expand the sub-station as well.

It is vital to work together as a community to preserve and protect our green space and preserve the areas where locals can still have access to the water.

Stop messing with historic Destin parks. LEAVE THEM AS PARKS and listen to your tax paying citizens and property owners in Destin. If this passes, I understand there is a GROUP that will appeal it and I'm looking into joining them as well as my husband.

Kind regards,

Roger and Debby Brunson
Debbylynn@cox.net
528 Kelly Street, Destin, FL 32541

Cell: 850-533-4737

Rey Bailey

From: Dianna Kennedy <diannasfaces@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: SAVE OUR PARK

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NO TO FIRESTATION ON OUR PARK PROPERTY !!! SAVE OUR PARK ! ALL THE TOXIN THAT WILL BE IN THE WATER ! THIS IS A PLACE WHERE OUR CHILDREN PLAY ! SAVE OUR WATERFRONT PROPERTY FOR LOCALS TO ENJOY THATS WHY WE LIVE HERE. THATS WHY WERE CHARGED SOOOO MUCH FOR RENT AND MORTGAGES. NO ABSOLUTELY NOT A FIRESTATION !

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Rey Bailey

From: Elayna Gibson <elayna_gibson@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 9:27 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: No Fire Dept. @ Clement Taylor Park

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I live within walking distance to this park. This household and other residents do not wish to have the fire department at this park location. Please preserve the integrity of this park and build elsewhere.

Thank you,
Elayna Gibson & Kent Progar
9 Rue D'etretat
Destin, Fl. 32541

Sent from my iPhone

Rey Bailey

From: Locicero <locicero@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Cc: Dr. Prebble Q Ramswell; Parker Destin
Subject: Fire Station Park Issue

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Dear City Council,

With respect, I ask that you please NOT vote on this Fire Station parcel within the park, until all budgets and options are weighed out and laid out for all citizens to review, question and discuss at length. Destin greatly lacks green space of any kind and we should all focus our attention to preserving the beauty of our beach town, particularly water front park property.

While this park is front and center in our community's minds, won't you please consider doing something about the restrooms and post security at the park, after dark, to discourage the homeless guests from overstaying their welcome.

Many wonder why Walton County has become so attractive to Destin residents and Destin visitors as the "new" place to go and enjoy. Ask them...both groups will tell you the beautiful, serene, non commercialized natural landscape is a HUGE draw. Please consider the impact your decision will have on the overall look and feel of our town.

It is imperative that Destin residents be shown the other options and reasons behind making such a quick decision on this matter.

Most importantly, I am grateful to our firefighters for all they do for our area and would like to find a suitable home for the substation that would enable them to do their jobs efficiently, while being able to respond to emergencies expeditiously.

Kindest Regards,
Heidi LoCicero
Destin, Florida



Rey Bailey

From: Jackie Gibson <gibson.jackie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor Park

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Jackie and Rickie Gibson
780 Bayou Drive
Destin, FL 32541

We do not want the fire station at Clement Taylor Park.

The fire station will ruin this beautiful park that so many families thoroughly enjoy!

Sincerely,
Jackie and Ricky

Sent from my iPhone

Rey Bailey

From: Jay Howard <Jay@howardgrp.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: No firestation at Clement Taylor Park

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I would like to voice my opinion and state that I do not wish to give up a portion of this park to the fire dept. It is Destin's best park in my opinion and if we want a substation for the fire dept. We can buy another piece of land for it. Not only would it take space from the park, the impact of having fire trucks and boats coming and going from the park all the time, really take away from what it is supposed to be.

Thank you

Jay Howard
772 Bayou Dr.
Destin FL
32541

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Rey Bailey

From: Jennifer McPeak <jmcpeak111@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Rey Bailey; Lance Johnson
Cc: Lorraine Berish
Subject: Fire Station at Clement Taylor Park

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Good morning, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bailey.

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and my husband, Jonathan Jacobs, regarding the proposed fire station at Clement Taylor Park. We have been following the issue on social media and via the YouTube recordings of Council meetings. It seems emotions are running high and we wanted to weigh in, as well, before a final decision is reached.

Following are some of the reasons our household is in support of a fire station at Clement Taylor Park:

1. Fiscal Responsibility: I believe it is a great opportunity for us, as City residents, to get more or better services with little to no increase in fees. That rarely happens and I feel we should take advantage of it.
2. Safety, Part 1: I live down the street from that park. In my 17 years of living here I have only entered that park 3 times. Each time I have turned right around and left again due to the visibly impaired, and decidedly unsavory-looking, people hanging around under the trees. Everyone would benefit from having a contingent of safety personnel onsite monitoring things.
3. Safety, Part 2: With the high volume of tourists coming into town and renting pontoon boats and PWC, I think it is a good idea to have a fire boat close by for quick response to accidents and injuries. Any local boater will tell you that the sheer number of untrained boaters at and around Crab Island causes endless problems every year. More trained people responding to those problems is a positive thing.
4. Safety, Part 3: There is a brand new park just down the way. Clement Taylor Park and the new park have water access, and with water sometimes comes accidents and injury. I would think it would be a good safety measure to have rescue personnel close at hand. Additionally, since those are City parks, I would think having those safety professionals nearby would help reduce potential liabilities to the City.
5. Development: The Western end of town is seeing more development - both commercial and residential. It is important to have service here, and given the extreme traffic problems during tourist season, to have service that can actually GET here in a timely manner.

While I appreciate that some residents don't want to give up a portion of one of our parks, it should be noted that we have a brand new one just up the road a few hundred yards. I see the new fire station as a logical extension of public services that will enhance quality of life here in Destin, not detract from it.

Thanks for your time & consideration.

Jennifer McPeak & Jonathan Jacobs
825 Cross Street
Destin, FL

CC: Ms. Lorraine Berish

Rey Bailey

From: Marcy King <jmboutz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Fire Station site proposal

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Dear Destin City Council members,

Please do not allow our beautiful public water access to be taken away from it's citizens. Clement Taylor Park on Calhoun should be preserved and be made a historic Destin landmark to celebrate the beauty of our city. Many of the oldest trees in our community are there. Many citizens use this access to swim, play and enjoy the facilities. To replace the setting on the water with a fire station would be a travesty. If the city is looking for a west Destin location, why not another street that is already commercial and not on valuable waterfront property. Please consider other options. This option is not acceptable.

Sincerely,

Jere and Marcy Boutz

717 Jupiter St.

Destin

Sent from my iPhone

Rey Bailey

From: Josh And Jenn Glidden <jnjglidden@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Rey Bailey; Council
Subject: Fire station

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Afternoon,

Our address is 407 Main Street and we'd like to say NO to a fire station at Clement Park.

No to the fire station there.

Thank you,
Josh Glidden
Jenn Buswell

Rey Bailey

From: Karen Caine <karencaine2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor Park

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Please save our park which is so needed during these horribly trying times. This is so important to our city's wellbeing. Please save the park! Thank you.

Karen Caine
4434 Clipper Cove
Destin, FL 32541
850-496-3151

Rey Bailey

From: Linda Carter <lindacarter185@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor Park

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To the Destin City Councilors: You must not put a fire station at our beloved park!! You have MANY options and I beg you to choose another site. I feel our city has already taken so so very much from their constituents and the park is the last piece of serenity we have left!! VOTE NO TO A FIRE STATION AT CLEMENT TAYLOR PARK!!

A sincere, concerned, and eligible voter,
Linda Meredith-carter
403 Primrose Circle
Destin, FL 32541
850 368 6857

Rey Bailey

From: Marcy King <jmboutz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 9:06 AM
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Sincerely,

Jere and Marcy Boutz

717 Jupiter St.

Destin

Sent from my iPhone

Rey Bailey

From: jburns5@cox.net
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 7:03 AM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Save our Taylor Park

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Mary and Jeff Burns
615 fifth Street Destin

We do NOT want the calhoun park to have the fire station put there. (Taylor Park) they already have a fire station. We already have the water covered and the last fireboat we had was torn up I believe.

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Sent from Outlook Email App for Android

Rey Bailey

From: Maya Lewellyn <mayarl97@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: City Council Fire Station Meeting

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Dear Destin City Council Members,

Please do NOT build a fire station over Clement Taylor Park. I want my tax money to pay for improvements to the park instead. It is about 5 minutes from my house at 88 Log Place in Destin, and I love to go to the park. I grew up going to the park, took my prom photos at the park, and plan on taking my future children to the park. The park is not only beautiful, but it contains nature that should not be destroyed. Furthermore, it contains a beautiful history of Destin's past with the old trees providing shade and comfort to anyone who visits.

Sincerely,
Maya Lewellyn, Destin resident since 2001

Rey Bailey

From: On the Coast Magazine <kidzonthecoast@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 7:34 AM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor park

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Please don't let our park, that so many children have used over the years, become a fire station.

Thanks,

Nancy Babin
Destin
850-642-5439

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Rey Bailey

From: Neslihan Celik-George <nesly3000@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Keep Clement Taylor Park

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Please keep that park for our kids. If you need a place for fire staton buy a lot in the area.

Nesli George
268 Twin Lakes Destin FL

Rey Bailey

From: Riley McIlwain <rileymcilwain1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Rey Bailey; Gary Jarvis; Rodney Braden; Parker Destin; Steven Menchel; Cyron Marler; Chatham Morgan; Skip Overdier; Prebble Ramswell
Subject: Clement Taylor Park Land Use

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Good afternoon Destin City Council,

I am writing today in regards to the upcoming meeting about land use at Clement Taylor Park.

I want to start by expressing my full support for the new Destin Fire Rescue substation to be constructed, along with dockage of the Destin Fire Rescue boat, at this location.

I am a lifelong resident of Destin and grew up taking many trips to the Clement Taylor park - trips with my parents, school field trips, birthday parties, etc. I am no stranger to the beauty of this park and all it has to offer the public. Clement Taylor was an ancestor of mine, whom I never got the pleasure of meeting, but I take pride in the park being named after my family. I have enjoyed this park on many occasions with my oldest son, including visits just for fun, baseball end of year parties and plenty more.

That being said, I do not see any problem whatsoever with placing a new fire substation in the location that currently houses old run down restrooms. This is an area of the park that has never been utilized for anything other than restrooms during my lifetime, so I don't see a new building having any impact at all on the park itself or the beauty that everyone has come to see in this park. If anything, I see a new substation as being a huge added benefit to our community. I live close to this park as do many of my family members, including my elderly grandparents. I take a lot of comfort in knowing that in the event of an emergency, this substation would offer a much quicker response time to any of our homes that the current existing stations.

Let's also take into account how much little kids just love fire trucks and fire stations. I don't see this new station as anything but a great addition to the park and our community and a place that will really enhance the experience for our children. Calhoun Ave is a low-traffic area that won't require the use of loud sirens each time the fire trucks leave the station, which has been a concern for many.

We have all seen how prevalent boating and swimming accidents are in our area amongst visitors and locals alike. The opportunity to dock the Destin Fire Rescue boat at Clement Taylor Park would offer much quicker response times to areas like Crab Island that have high numbers of accidents.

I hope you will consider these points in making your decision.

Thank you,

Riley McIlwain
815 Pine St, Destin, FL 32541

Rey Bailey

From: Roger Brunson <zacksbait@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 11:46 PM
To: Council
Subject: Fire Truck and a fire boat does not belong in a kids park I WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS.

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Roger Brunson
528 Kelly Street (by marriage I am part owner of this property) Destin

I do not support a fire truck or a boat at the Clement Taylor park, it's a park for goodness sakes! Do not put the fire Dept there. If this gets passed, there appears to be a large group of citizens who do not want it, and there's certain to be a huge outcry of upset Destin property owners, citizens, and taxpayers.

Listen to the people, city council. Stop this foolish nonsense of trying to put a fire dept inside a kids park, putting children at risk. We recently took our grandchildren here and we do not want any potential harm; this is where the kids roam around and our grandkids run towards a siren when they hear it thinking they're giving out Christmas candy or they're in a parade - a child was run over June 2020 from a fire truck on the way to an emergency, in March 2020 a woman was run over from a fire truck on the way to an emergency.

HORRIBLE THAT LANCE JOHNSON NEVER TOOK CARE OF THIS PARK WHILE HE WAS PARKS DIRECTOR; WHAT IN THE HELL IS HE DOING MANAGING THE CITY????

From Jay Howard who cannot even get COUNCIL MEMBERS TO RESPOND TO HIM.

The fire dept means well, but this is not the place to do something like this. The coast guard won't even let people near their channel because they come flying out of there during an emergency. Can you imagine kids trying to play right next to an emergency boat launch, and how dangerous that would be. This is not a safe place for such an operation and I have contacted almost everyone on the city council and only two of them have gotten back in touch with me about this. I just dont understand why they feel like something like this shouldn't be voted on by the citizens of Destin we have an election coming up in November, put it on the ballot right next to the height restriction and the undergrounding of power lines by Next Terra.- written by Jay Howard

Do the right thing COUNCIL. Also, you should really deal with CYRON MARLER who has been violating a code ordinance and the laws and rules of Destin for the past two years, DO NOT ALLOW HIM TO STEP DOWN WITH GRACE, HE'S BEEN BREAKING CITY LAW RENTING OUT HIS HOUSE knowingly against city ordinance and should be FIRED AND RELEASED. Favors for councilman Cyron Marler by code enforcement will be exposed so you should do the right thing BEFORE they find out that YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT IT TOO....what a shame he is to your council.

MR AND MRS. ROGER BRUNSON
528 KELLY STREET; DESTIN

Rey Bailey

From: Rosa Marshall <rosal38@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Fire house meeting

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Dear City Council,

I am so sad to hear that you want to replace Clement Taylor Park with a fire station. It is so beautiful and I have fond memories taking my grandchild to the park. Please don't replace it.

Rosa Marshall, 88 Log Place in Destin

Rey Bailey

From: Steve Tepper <captaintepper@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor Park

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My name is Steve Tepper and I reside at 5 Calhoun Avenue, unit #303, Destin, Florida 32541. I am one of the fortunate to have grown up in Destin, and I feel that putting the fire station in Clement park is not a good idea. There are so few places to go as a local, that using this park for this purpose hurts us as a community.

Street traffic is already bad enough with on Calhoun without having to have a fire station there, as well as it has become an absolute zoo on the waterfront with what is allowed to occur with the jet ski business on a Calhoun near the park.

Please accept my vote as a Destin Citizen against this choice.

Thank you.

Steve Tepper

Rey Bailey

From: Steven Piper <skpiper100@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 9:59 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Clement Taylor park

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I do not want the Fire Department Substation built in Clement Taylor park. Please find a more suitable location for the station such as the lot on Seibert.

Thank you,

Steven Piper
608 Main St.
Destin, FL 32541

Rey Bailey

From: Susie Martin <susieb317@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 10:36 PM
To: Council
Subject: Clement Taylor Park

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Please DO NOT allow the Fire Dept. to lease the parcel of land within the Clement Taylor Park in Destin for 1.00!
(That in itself seems questionable.)

This park belongs to the public and should be used by the public for swimming, playing on the little beach, the playground and under the shade of those several hundred year old oak trees. Oaks that large and stately are generally over 100.

I have gone to this park to swim for many many years, including bringing my daughter there until it was closed. It has easier access than the gulf for handicapped people to get into the beautiful emerald green water that comes into the pass.

I can't walk in the sand to get into the gulf water, but the paved walkways and short distance through less deep sand was navigable for me.

It's absolutely ludicrous to even think that safety won't be an issue with children playing on the playground while fire trucks are speedily exiting the building on a call.

Once again, the people lose another beach space if this passes. I feel that the public is being bullied by leadership that doesn't have their best interests in mind.

Parks are for families and kids,
NOT firetrucks!!!!

Sincerely,
Susan Martin

Rey Bailey

From: Tanya Kent <tmk2007@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: Tanya Kent,340 Sailfish Circle, Destin Fl

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this email in regards to Clements Taylor Park. I am sure you will receive a lot of these type of emails. We are extremely against a fire station being built on Clements Taylor Park land. There is no need for a fire department there for several reasons. We already have a fire station in Destin. There are a lot people who live on that street. Imagine hearing sirens all day and night long right in your front yard everyday. What about people who have children or babies, that would continually wake them everyday or every night. Children play on that street, people ride their bikes and take walks everyday on that street. It is a safety hazard to have a fire truck come stormin down the street. Also, the new park built next door is nice however, the playground equipment (or lack there of) is geared towards toddlers and the splash pad is not allowed to be used. It looks like more money was built on landscaping it then providing playground equipment. Clements Taylor Park should be revamped with playground equipment for older kids. Families have had birthday parties there for years, the trees are beautiful and provide tons of shade. We feed the squirrels in the morning. I would hate to see all those memories and family time taken away for a fire department. Clements Taylor Park is not the place for a Fire Department. There are TONS of other lots around Destin to put a fire department. If you are interested in talking to me or have questions, my phone number is 843-302-1617.

Thank you for your time.

Tanya Kent
340 Sailfish Circle
Destin, Fl 32541

Rey Bailey

From: Terrilynn <terrilynn.beck@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Rey Bailey
Subject: no to fire-station on clement park

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may my voice be heard please do not replace clement taylor park !!!
i love tht special little spot - it is perfect for quiet sunsets and is a peaceful place to mediate on how grateful i am to live in destin... please leave it for residents to enjoy it is beautiful !
thku for considering my feelings.
Terri Lynn Beck
1751 Scenic Highway 98 PH17 Destin Fl 32541