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Michael -

As Kelly Kelly advised you when securing the appointment, the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition has created an Imagine Clearwater Committee to assist the City in any positive way we can in implementing the 2017 Imagine Clearwater Master Plan. We are not interested in discussing the bandshell versus amphitheater issue nor a delay nor halt in implementation if the city has identified sufficient funds to continue the development of the park. We are interested in providing input in planning for programming activities in the new park, and that is the focus of our call tomorrow. We include below a table of our ideas generated over the last two committee meetings.

We understand from multiple comments made by each of the five city council members that serious consideration is given to moving the music venue to the far north end of the park, and thus uniting the portions of the planned park north of Cleveland Street and south of it.

Since this would be a substantial change from the extant plans now dividing the two main parks by the music venue, everyone is excited about this opportunity to assist in adding community input to the programming and planning aspects of the non-music venue portions of the new park, assuming that plans for the recreational park area will be reconsidered and re-designed somewhat.

The Clearwater Neighborhood Coalition's Imagine Clearwater Committee would like to present some thoughts to you that the group has discussed on programming, planning for programmed activities, and moving forward with the ICW re-convened Stakeholder's committee and conservancy.

The following are assumptions that we have made about the original reason for the Imagine Clearwater concept.

1. Imagine Clearwater is in the implementation phase of the Imagine Clearwater conceptual design that was approved at referendum in November 2017.
2. The IC conceptual design implementation will require focus on experiences that can attract a wide variety of Clearwater residents. Additionally, small and large scale non-

music events will bring Clearwater residents multiple times a week to their park. It is these activities that should determine structures and land use adaptations. Program first, construct facilities to make the chosen programmed activities possible.

3. Many activities can be accommodated at comparatively little cost **if they are planned prior to construction**. Structures and configurations should be planned to accommodate multi-purpose activities wherever possible and should be ADA compliant, environmentally sound and energy efficient.
4. Residents should have opportunities for a variety of no-cost or low-cost creative experiences not commonly available in other area parks. You will be amazed at how many groups and individuals I have seen using “Harborview Field” (the grass area that replaced the Harborview building across the street from my balcony) including picnicking, children running up and down the bluff hill, frisbee and playing catch, kite flying, dog walking, lifting weights and exercising, and most touching, last weekend a group of families taking photos of their high school graduates in caps and gowns, posing with the beautiful view of the Intracoastal waterway and marina in the background. Without any specific invitation or programming now, individuals are finding creative uses of a plain grass field on a beautiful bluff overlooking the water. Imagine what we can do!
5. Not all activities need to be city Parks and Recreation initiatives. Some activities should be community generated and managed, using city permits and advance reservations, and evolve organically from the Stakeholders Committee and Conservancy in the future.
6. Clearwater already has many good outdoor sports facilities (golf courses, tennis complexes, recreation centers, ball fields, beach, playgrounds, shuffleboard courts, etc.), but there are a wide variety of arts and recreational activities that could enhance living in Clearwater and repeatedly draw residents to downtown, as well as encouraging new families to become downtown residents. Imagine Clearwater should design new and different experiences as part of Coachman Park.
7. The table below represents examples of everyday activities that our committee felt could be incorporated into a plan for the non-music venue portion of Imagine Clearwater:

Category	Examples of Activities	Adaptations to Consider
Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Musicians and small ensembles (Dulcimer, guitar, groups, etc.)</li> <li>• Literature and poetry readings</li> <li>• Small, informal dramatic productions (including high school and college groups)</li> <li>• Children’s book readings and dramatic performances</li> <li>• Drum Circles</li> <li>• Plein air painting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkways/bicycle paths at waterfront and from trail to downtown</li> <li>• Observation areas for Gulf waterfront, permitting blanket spreading, hammocks, seating</li> <li>• Shade trees where needed</li> <li>• Botanical garden/arboretum/garden paths</li> <li>• Tree shaded and open areas</li> <li>• A concrete (stepped) or graded pit for adult seating 25 max</li> <li>• One concrete, stepped pit for 10 children</li> </ul>
Clubs and social meet-ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting areas for social, civic and special interest clubs (garden clubs, environmental clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)</li> <li>• Permanent tables for people to play games or share a coffee as an everyday meeting place that creates a sense of community</li> </ul>	

Community education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and safety (partner with Morton Plant)</li> <li>• Boating education</li> <li>• Art topics</li> <li>• How-to demonstrations (partner with Home Depot, Lowes, etc.)</li> <li>• Conservation topics (Partner with Cooperative Extension Services)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single, shaded benches for solitary musician performers with adult multi-person swings nearby for viewing and listening</li> <li>• A small pavilion for 25</li> <li>• Individual immovable tables and benches, imprinted with chessboard, for a variety of board or computer games, etc.</li> <li>• WIFI access</li> <li>• Dog park facilities including shallow pool</li> <li>• Easy hook-up support for radio/TV broadcasting</li> <li>• Shallow wading pool, splash pad or fountain for children, and perhaps more than one</li> <li>• Equipment rentals</li> </ul>
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Art shows</li> <li>• Farmers Markets and sales events</li> <li>• “Touch-a-Truck”</li> <li>• Dog and cat show competitions</li> <li>• Concert venue (not addressed here)</li> <li>• Cultural celebrations (ex: Chinese New Year, Independence Day, etc.)</li> </ul>	
Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated open areas for large and small dogs</li> <li>• Small wading pool</li> </ul>	
Quiet Relaxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading areas</li> <li>• Meditation garden and walk</li> <li>• Observation areas for water</li> </ul>	
Health and athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bocce ball</li> <li>• Tai Chi</li> <li>• Yoga</li> <li>• Trail- bikes, walking, skating</li> </ul>	
Media	Ability to hook up onsite broadcast radio and TV	
Water feature and waterfront activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miniature boat floating</li> <li>• Wading pool or water park features for children</li> <li>• Various seating areas for observation</li> <li>• Water cannons, waterfalls, paddle boats, fishing simulations, water play table accessible to children with disabilities, stepping stones through water maze, kayaks.</li> </ul>	

We would like to see the city reconvene the ICW 18-person Stakeholders Committee (see page 1 of the Master Plan) and charge it, as an advisory body, with the responsibility to recommend

1. programming and the design of the non-music venue portion of the park until a conservancy is established, and
2. study the implementation of the conservancy concept as originally conceived in the Master Plan on page 123:

**“Establish a Conservancy:** A Conservancy’s role will evolve over time, but in the near term, a conservancy can be critical for advocating for *Imagine Clearwater*, passing the referendum [now done], **and assisting the City in planning activities for the design, operations and programming of the park.** The conservancy should be comprised of a variety of individuals from different backgrounds who collectively can ensure that the design envisioned in this plan is implemented and the community excitement for this

waterfront is sustained. The conservancy may also begin fundraising for the waterfront's capital costs."

The Imagine Clearwater Committee of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition is looking forward to tomorrow's Zoom conference.

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