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Tybee park plan includes skate, dog parks

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Memorial Park is Tybee Island's centerpiece, but it is disjointed and lacks functionality, a committee has found.

So the committee Thursday unveiled a new design for the park that features a big open space, new landscaping, the potential for a new police station, a veterans memorial and a defined sidewalk all the way around. And it includes some politically divisive elements.

The committee's plan includes a 4,000-foot skate park and the dog park - both controversial. Two weeks ago, the Tybee Island City Council cut \$60,000 from the budget for a skate park and rescinded previous approvals to put one on city property.

It was the vote to put the skate park in Memorial Park that led to the ad hoc committee being created last year.

The 10 volunteer committee members spent more than 250 hours researching and planning, and architect Gary Sanders spent another 50 volunteer hours drawing up the ideas.

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