

# Steven Taylor

# Sanctity of Life Pavilion

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RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

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SHEILA MARQUISES, ENGINEERING DIRECTOR



# PROJECT LOCATION





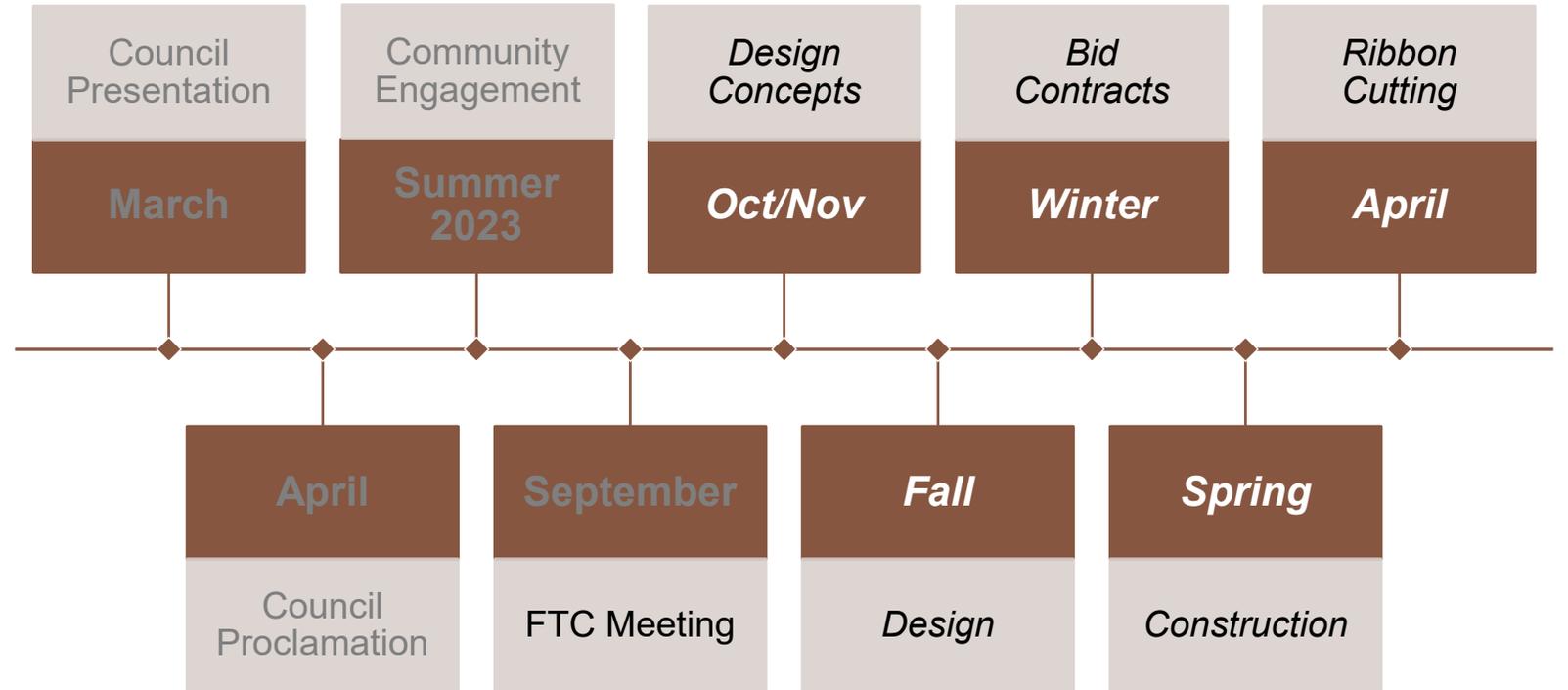
**SITE LAYOUT PLAN**  
**STEVEN TAYLOR SANCTITY OF LIFE PAVILION**

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# Tentative Timeline





# Engagement Opportunities

1. Comment card
2. Survey
3. Voicemail at (510) 519-9215
4. E-mail [sanleandro@kearnswest.com](mailto:sanleandro@kearnswest.com)
5. Community Dialogues at the Main Library:
  - a) Saturday, July 8th, 11 am-1 pm
  - b) Tuesday, July 11th, 5:30-7:30 pm
  - c) Wednesday, August 9th, 5:30-7:30 pm
  - d) Saturday, August 12th, 11 am-1 pm

# COMMENT FORM - Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life Pavilion Project

The City of San Leandro is seeking input on the design of this project. La ciudad de San Leandro está buscando opiniones sobre el diseño de este proyecto. 聖利安住市正在徵求您對設計的意見。

# ENCUESTA - Proyecto de la Santidad de la Vida de Steven Taylor en el Pabellón.

La ciudad de San Leandro está solicitando opiniones sobre el diseño del proyecto de la santidad de la vida de Steven Taylor en el Pabellón.



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## Ideas from the Public Gathered For Steven Taylor Memorial Design

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro is looking for the public's ideas on the design of the planned Marina Park memorial to Steven Taylor and others who have lost their lives due to police action.

The first in a series of public meetings to review designs was held Saturday, July 8 at the San Leandro

Main Library. There is also a link to the survey on the City of San Leandro's website at [sanleandro.org/sanctityoflife](http://sanleandro.org/sanctityoflife).

Taylor was shot and killed by San Leandro police officer Jason Fletcher in 2020 after employees called police as Taylor was wielding a metal baseball bat at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard. Fletcher has since left the police department and was charged

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— Addie Kitchen

with voluntary manslaughter, to which he plead not guilty, and is facing trial.

The City Council voted to set up the Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life Memorial following a public outcry after Taylor's death. Calls for a memorial had come from, among others, Taylor's grandmother Addie Kitchen and the Justice For Steven Taylor group, see *MEMORIAL*, page 5

## Memorial: Site shaded by trees with slope for amphitheater effect

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many of whose members were students in the Social Justice Academy at San Leandro High School.

“I'd like to see healing for everybody. It's for all impacted families, not just Steven Taylor,” said Kitchen about the memorial. “We're not just picking on police.”

City staff had recommended moving the memorial from its originally planned site closer to the water to an area with trees a short distance away in Marina Park. The council agreed with the move earlier this year.

Sheila Marquises, city engineering and transportation director, said advantages of the site chosen included shade and some wind protection, a slight slope giving an amphitheater effect, and nearby exercise equipment that could be incorporated.

People at the meeting saw some examples of memorials elsewhere and made suggestions for elements to include in the Taylor memorial. Among the suggestions were seating of some sort, musical concerts and other arts events at the site, and perhaps an annual lantern festival where lanterns

float away on the water.

One person suggested planners take a look at the county's Children's Memorial on Fairmont Ridge off Fairmont Avenue above Interstate 580, which commemorates Alameda County children lost to gun and other violence.

Moderator Nahal Ipakshi, from the Kearns & West architectural firm hired by the city to plan the project, asked participants who else should be remembered at the site other than Taylor himself. Several people suggested honoring everyone who had lost their life to police action in the past in San Leandro, and those in nearby areas as well.

Kitchen cautioned about trying to memorialize every such person nationally.

“There are too many,” she said.

The design survey asks respondents to favor or oppose such commonly found elements of memorials as listing of names, symbolic or abstract art, photos of those being remembered, natural elements, information displays and audio or video.



PHOTOS BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Participants talk during a break at a July 8 meeting to discuss designs for the Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life memorial. From left, moderator Nahal Ipakshi of the Kearns & West architectural firm, Joan Burgess (facing away from camera), Sheila Marquises, city engineering and transportation director, Addie Kitchen, and Scott Koll, from Kearns & West.



Site for the Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life memorial, as a City Council committee met there in March.

The survey also asks for suggestions on incorporating the monarch butterfly theme that has been used recently on city projects. It notes butterflies symbolize transformation, hope, faith, and rebirth.

Another design meeting was scheduled to be held

Tuesday, July 11, at the library. Two more will be held in the Main Library's Estudillo Room on Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You can also send design suggestions to the Kearns

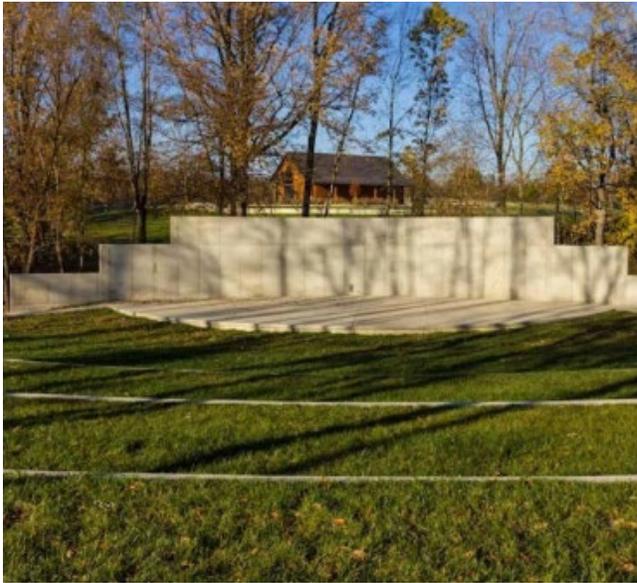
& West architects at [sanleandro@kearnswest.com](mailto:sanleandro@kearnswest.com), or leave them a voicemail at 510-519-9215. The city's website link for suggestions is at [sanleandro.org/sanctityoflife](http://sanleandro.org/sanctityoflife).

Kearns & West plans to propose a final design to the City Council in the fall.



# THEMES - SEATING

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# THEMES - LABYRINTH

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# THEMES – ART

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# BUDGET

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CIP Appropriation FY22-23	\$625,000
Landscape Architect - RRM	-\$168,000
Community Outreach – Kearns and West	-\$50,000
Staff costs to date	-\$23,000
<b>Available Funding</b>	<b>\$384,000</b>

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