

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the placement locations of memorial or commemorative benches outlined in Attachment "A". (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM), with the consent of the City Manager, has a Policy on Donating Funds for Minor Park Assets (including Memorial Trees and Benches).

The Policy states, in part, that on a quarterly or as needed basis, proposed locations for new or replacement benches (Attachment A) will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) for recommendation. This will allow a public forum for residents or other interested parties to comment on all newly proposed bench locations, and determine a point in time for the installation of a memorial bench. After this recommendation, installation of the bench will be the responsibility of PRM staff. PRM does not warranty benches against vandalism or destruction and bench locations are only guaranteed for 10 years, unless an additional donation is made at the time of purchase, or the end of the first 10 years.

PRM staff has reviewed the requested bench locations (Attachment B), which include replacing one existing bench with a new memorial bench, and installing a new memorial bench. The chosen locations are deemed an appropriate improvement to the particular parks.

FISCAL IMPACT

One of the duties of PRM staff is to place and maintain benches in parks, so this and other bench installations or relocations are not outside of PRM's regular budgeted activities. The bench donation amount is sufficient to cover all costs of the new bench, and an old bench can be used in another park.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

HURLEY OWENS ACTING MANAGER

MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

APPROVED:

DIRECTOR

STEPHEN P. SCOTT

MANAGER

BUSINESS OPERATIONS BUREAU

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Attachments:

List of benches (Att A) Proposed location aerials (Att B)