



# **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) proposed for PRM-managed areas will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for recommendation. This will allow a public forum for residents or other interested parties to comment on all newly proposed benches or replacement 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 warrant benches against vandalism or destruction and based on the condition of the bench after 10 years, a specific bench may be removed if deemed appropriate with the location being made available for another bench (unless the original party purchases a new bench for the donation amount in effect at that time).

PRM staff has reviewed the requested bench location (Attachment B), which would replace one of the three existing, non-memorial benches that are along the outer perimeter of the artwork at the top of Longview Point in Willow Springs Park. As there are already benches at these locations, it would be an appropriate action to replace them with new benches.

#### 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 regularly budgeted activities. The benches at Longview Point are cemented into the ground, so removing an already in-ground bench and installing and securing a new bench requires slightly more staff time than simply replacing a bench that rests on a concrete pad. The bench donation amount is sufficient to cover all costs of the new bench.

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#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

LESLIE UNTENER INTERIM MANAGER **BUSINESS OPERATIONS**  APPROVED:

STEPHEN P. SCOTT INTERIM DIRECTOR

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Attachments:

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

## ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSED MEMORIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE BENCH LOCATIONS - May 17, 2018

	Park:	Location:	Requested for:	Requested by:	New / Replace:
1)	Longview Point in Willow Springs Park	Around the artwork depicting the southbay coastline	Jerry Caligueri	District 7 Council Office	Replace existing bench
2)					
3)					
4)	2				
5)					







