



November 11, 2021

COMMISSIONERS
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to approve the placement location of memorial or commemorative bench outlined in Attachment A. (District 3)

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 Benches and trees.

The policy states, in part, that on a quarterly or as-needed basis, proposed locations for new or replacement benches (Attachment A) in PRM-managed areas will be presented to the Marine Advisory Commission. 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 timeframe for installation. Following 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 ten (10) years, a specific bench may be removed if deemed necessary, 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) at Marine Stadium, 5255 Paoli Way, which will replace one of the existing, non-memorial benches along the paved walking path at the north end of the stadium.

FISCAL IMPACT

Part of the duties of PRM staff is to place and maintain benches in parks, so this and other bench installations or relocations are within PRM's regularly budgeted activities. The bench donation amount is sufficient to cover all costs of the bench, and the old bench can be used in another park.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

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Approve recommendation.

Sincerely,



ELVIRA HALLINAN

MANAGER, MARINAS AND BEACHES

Attachments: List of Benches (A)
Proposed Location (B)
Application (C)



ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSED MEMORIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE BENCH LOCATIONS – November 11, 2021

	Park:	Location:	Requested for:	Requested by:	New/Replace:
1)	Marine Stadium 5255 E. Paoli Way	Northern end of stadium adjacent to walking path	Patrick Duane Kneebone	Timothy Kneebone	Existing Bench



Attachment B Proposed Memorial Bench For Patrick Kneebone Marine Stadium

Legend

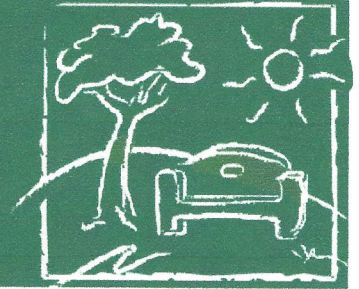
- Existing Plain Bench
- Existing Memorial Bench



0 20 40 60 80 Feet



DEDICATE-A-BENCH PROGRAMS



PARK BENCH APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Requestor: Timothy Kneeboone

Requestor Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Requestor Email Address: [REDACTED]

BENCH INFORMATION

Name of Individual Being Memorialized: Patrick Duane Kneeboone

Resident of Long Beach: Yes

If Yes, How Many Years: 1973 - 2020

Requested Location of Bench: Base of Long Beach Marine Stadium per communications with Randy.

Please provide a history of the individual and include any significant life/community accomplishments:
(attach additional sheets as necessary)

See attached history -

Please provide text for the bench plaque. Text is limited to four lines, 70 characters on each line (including spaces and punctuation).

See attached (plaque text)

1st Line:

2nd Line:

3rd Line:

4th Line:

Applications can also be mailed or dropped off at:

ATTN: Park Bench Dedication Program

Partners of Parks

1150 E 4th St Ste 104, Long Beach, CA 90802

Updated: October 2019

History

Patrick Kneebone (8/27/1966 – 1/3/2020) grew up in Long Beach's Belmont Heights area after our family moved there in 1973, attending Horace Mann elementary, Jefferson Junior and Wilson High schools. Patrick was well known in the early days of skateboarding and (modern, local, and eventually international) surfing circles. He was involved in many water sports including fishing and sailing. He traveled with his folks partway around the Pacific Ocean on their blue water sailboat making stops in Fiji, Tonga and The Marquises.

Forever the waterman, he had a keen eye for the ocean and its dangers. On more than two occasions, he saved people from drowning. One such incident occurred on the south side of Huntington Pier where he saw two young men enter the water during high surf. When they began to show signs of distress he immediately went in after them. He was successful at saving one of them, and for his heroism he was formally recognized by The City of Huntington Beach at a ceremony.

His untimely death on January 3, 2020 was hailed with a paddle out memorial at one of his haunts, northside Seal Beach Pier. It is estimated that close to 100 people paddled out and many more observed from the pier. Coast Guard vessels representing Long Beach and Orange County put on a display in his honor including water canons. The event was reported in the Press Telegram and Orange County Register.

Pat was loved for his character – he asked for so little and gave so much. He had an infectious sense of humor and a sometimes demonic smile! He developed an international following on Facebook, not only for his surfing prowess, but for a page he started entitled “Your best Sunset pictures- only for fun” which continues to have daily posts entered.

(plaque text)

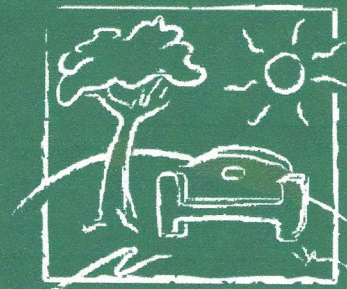
In memory of Patrick Duane Kneebone, 8/27/1966-1/3/2020

The legendary big wave charger was a humble listener, befriending everyone.

He loved the outdoors: sunrises, sunsets, flowers.

Asking for little and giving much, he is missed by his many friends and survived by his parents,
brothers and the love of his life - his daughter.

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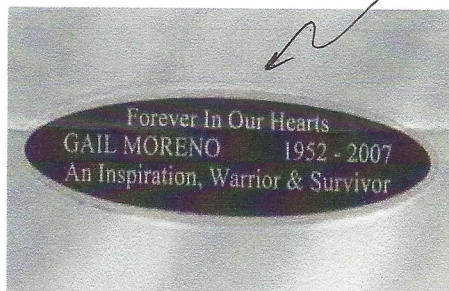


PARK BENCH SELECTION

Please click the check box below to indicate bench preference:

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Memorial Park Bench & Standard Plaque



Now rectangular per Randy.

Please acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to the following:

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Donation of a park bench confers no legal rights or benefits to the donor of a park bench. The City of Long Beach reserves the right to place park benches where suitable for the City.

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The City of Long Beach does not warranty Park Benches against damage or destruction.

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If, after 10 years, the condition of the bench so warrants, the City can remove the bench, thus placing the location back into available inventory for installation a future Park Bench.

Please submit the Park Bench Application Form to:

ATTN: Park Bench Dedication Program
executivedirector@partnersofparks.org