



November 10, 2022

COMMISSIONERS
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to approve the placement of a Tribute Bench to honor Col. James David Barry, M.D. at Bluff Park. (District 2)

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 Tribute Benches and trees. The program provides an opportunity for residents to honor and recognize those close to them who have passed away by placing a personalized Tribute bench at a city park site.

Proposed locations for new or replacement benches in Tidelands PRM-managed areas will be presented to the Marine Advisory Commission (Attachment A). This provides 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 unless the original party makes an additional donation in the amount in effect at that time. PRM staff has reviewed and approved the requested bench location at Bluff Park on Ocean Blvd. and Paloma Ave. next to the Lone Sailor Memorial (Attachment B).

FISCAL IMPACT

The program raises funds to support Partners of Parks, a 501 (C) 3, whose mission is to support Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine programs. Proceeds from the donation cover the full cost of the bench, allocate funds to support maintenance such as annual paint touch up and provide funds to support POP's scholarship program.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

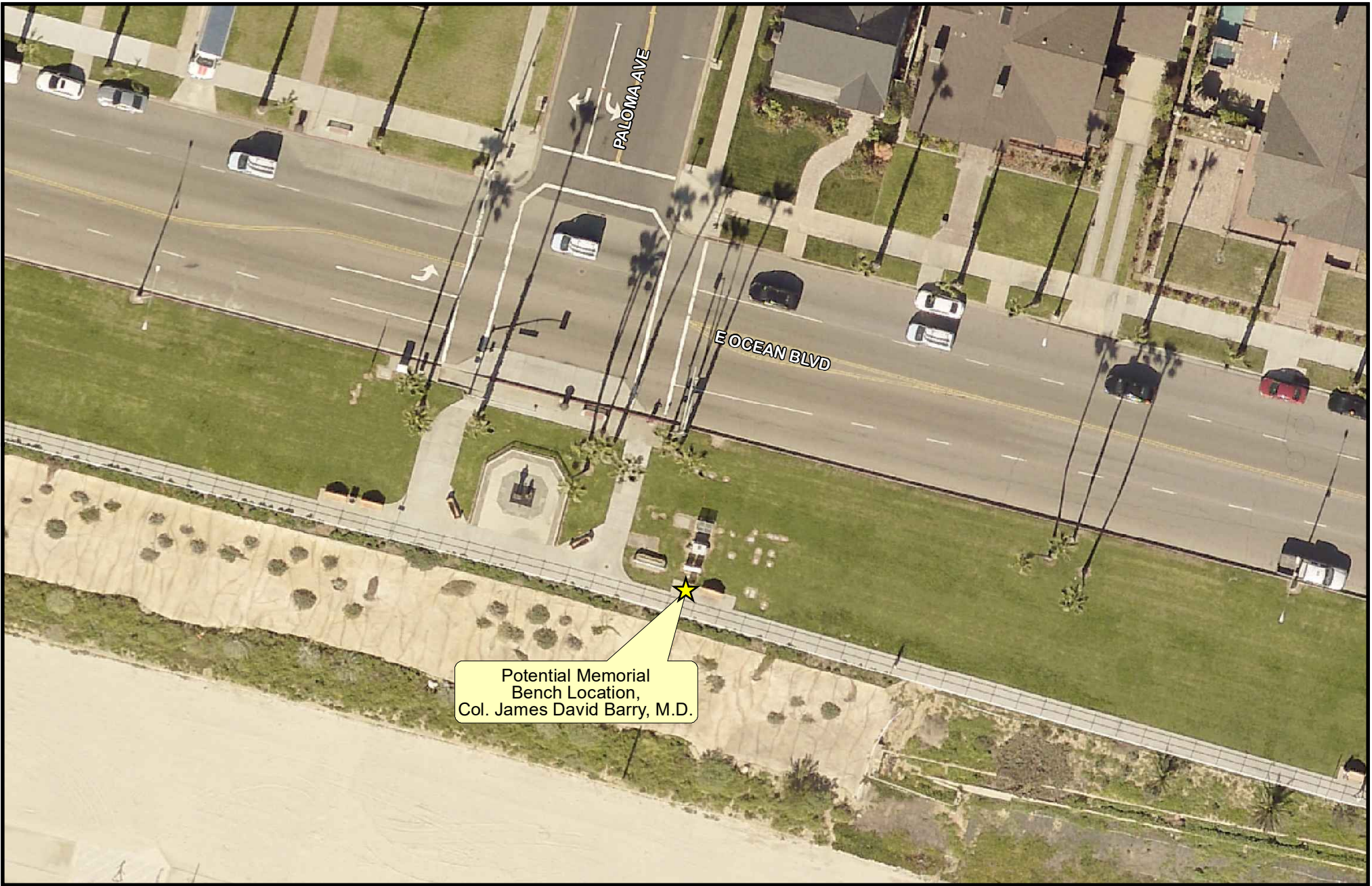
Sincerely,

ELVIRA HALLINAN
MANAGER, MARINAS AND BEACHES

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

ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSED TRIBUTE OR COMMEMORATIVE BENCH LOCATIONS – November 10, 2022

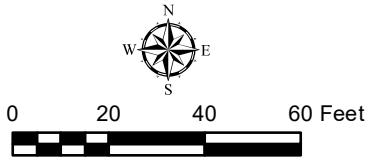
	Park:	Location:	Requested for:	Requested by:	New/Replace
1)	Bluff Park	Paloma Ave.	Col. James David Barry, M.D.	Megan Barry, Karen & Dale Barry	New



Potential Memorial
Bench Location,
Col. James David Barry, M.D.



Attachment B Proposed Tribute Bench Location Bluff Park at Paloma Ave.





TRIBUTE BENCH APPLICATION
RESIDENT HONOREE

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: MEGAN BARRY / KAREN AND DALE BARRY
Phone Number:
Email Address:

IN HONOR OF:

Name: COL. JAMES DAVID BARRY, M.D.

Resident of Long Beach: YES Number of Years: 6

Requested Location: BLUFF PARK 1) OCEAN & PALOMA 2) OCEAN & CORONADO
3) OCEAN & MOLINA

HONOREE HISTORY: Please provide a brief history of the deceased individual include any significant life and community accomplishments. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

IF THERE WAS A COMMON THREAD THROUGHOUT DAVE BARRY'S LIFE, IT WAS HIS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TOWARDS SERVING OTHERS. BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES, HE WENT FROM SERVING HIS COMMUNITY AS AN EAGLE SCOUT AND AN EMT TO SERVING HIS COUNTRY AS AN EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN FOR 25 YEARS IN THE US ARMY. HIS MILITARY SERVICE INCLUDED FOUR DEPLOYMENTS, ONE TO BOSNIA, TWO TO IRAQ AND ONE TO AFGHANISTAN. UPON RETIRING FROM THE ARMY, HE CHOOSE TO CONTINUE SERVING VETERANS BY WORKING AS AN ER DOC AT THE LONG BEACH VA HOSPITAL. PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR MORE INFO.

PLAQUE INSCRIPTION: Please provide desired inscription. Plaques accommodate 4 lines of text. Partners of Parks shall approve the inscription to ensure compliance with Municipal Code 16.55.

- 1st Line: TO BE DETERMINED
- 2nd Line:
- 3rd Line:
- 4th Line:

To whom it may concern:

I hope you will take a few minutes to read over the attached letters and memorial brochure to learn about the incredible legacy left by James David Barry. In addition, I want to give a few examples of how much Dave loved Long Beach and embraced the lifestyle here.

When Dave got out of the Army in 2016, our original plan was to move back to San Diego, and he had job opportunities there. He was also offered a position at the Long Beach VA Hospital. We knew very little about Long Beach. At the time, we just thought of it as a port city we had to pass when driving from LA to San Diego, but we thought we would check it out just the same. We rented some bikes, cruised around the neighborhoods, shopping areas, and beaches and immediately realized Long Beach was the best kept secret. We could afford a house by the beach here and we could bike everywhere, not so in San Diego. We loved the local flavor, the diversity and endless parade of interesting characters. We knew this was where we belonged.

Dave loved that he could ride his beach cruiser to work, and he did so everyday, regardless of the weather or the hour. As an ER doc, sometimes that meant biking home at 3am. Dave was a big guy, 6'3" and 210 lbs. He often wore a dark hoodie and black backpack to and from work, so it's not surprising that he looked a little suspicious biking through Belmont Heights in the middle of the night. A couple times, he got pulled over by the cops, and one time a nice woman tried to hand him a loaf of bread from her car thinking he was homeless. He was never offended, he found it comical. I think he relished in the idea of being an ER doc and decorated Army Colonel that people mistook as someone living on the streets.

When he wasn't working, you could usually find him jogging down the bluff and working out in Bixby Park. He kept an eye on the park and the people who lived in it. He cared about everybody. When he tore his ACL a couple years ago, he bought a prone paddle board and you could see him paddling around the oil island in front of our home on Paloma Ave and over to the Veteran's Pier and back.

When visitor's came, he was proud to show off our city. We would bike to Ballast Point, grab some lunch, hop on the Aqualink and then take them exploring around Shoreline Village and downtown.

I could go on and on, but I hopefully I've painted a picture of a man who didn't just work and live in Long Beach, he was Long Beach.

Megan Barry

Order of Service

Eulogy

Dave Tieger Life-long friend

Speakers

Dr. Pete Silvero Life-long friend
Dr. Jerry Kim VA ER Director
Dr. Lewis Nelson Toxicology and ABEM, Mentor
Dale & Karen Barry Parents
Megan O'Keefe Barry Wife

Please follow the procession outside for a short walk up the hill. A shuttle will also be available. After a short refreshment break, the service will reconvene.

Diane & Albert Mogollon Sister and Spouse
Chris Feuge Life-long Friend
Garet O'Keefe Brother-in-law
Colin Barry Son
First Lieutenant Cameron Barry Son

Military Honor Guard

Post Memorial Repast

Please join the Barry family at Long Beach, CA
2:30 to 5:30 to celebrate the extraordinary life of James David Barry.

Please stagger your arrivals to accommodate everyone.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



JAMES DAVID BARRY

APRIL 21, 1968-SEPTEMBER 2, 2022