

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 benches or 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 be a new bench in Marina Vista Park, and deemed it an appropriate location for a memorial bench. The bench will be placed on an existing walkway without impeding an ADA access path, or posing a danger to people using the new half-court, so no new cement pad will be required.

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 bench donation amount is sufficient to cover all costs of the new bench, and the old bench can be used in another park.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

STEPHEN P. SCOTT **DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

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MANAGER

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS BUREAU

APPROVED:

DIRECTOR

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Attachments:

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