



July 8, 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 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 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 Shoreline Park Lions Lighthouse for Sight, which will replace one of the existing, non-memorial benches on the east side of the base of the lighthouse.

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,



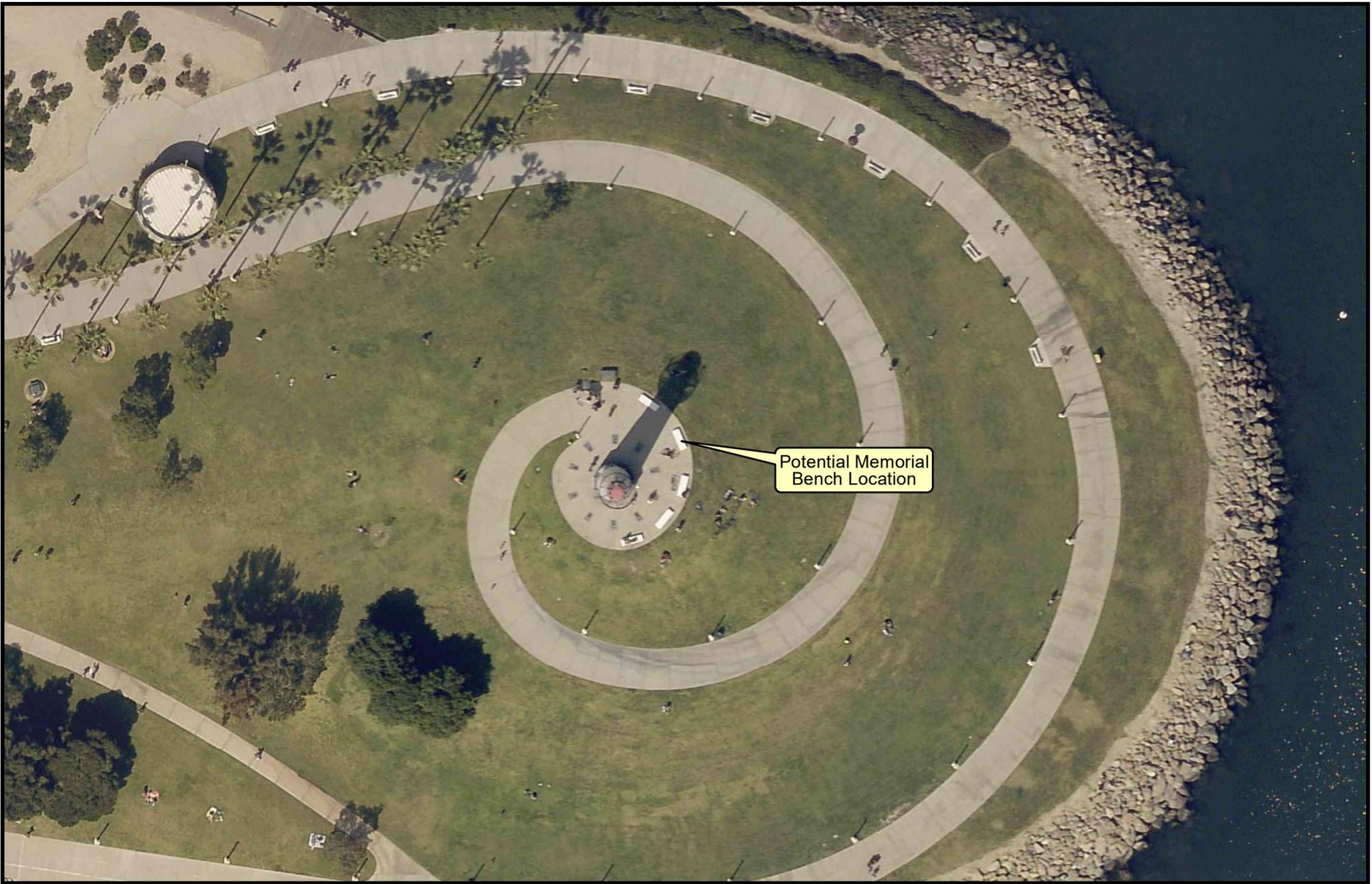
ELVIRA HALLINAN
MANAGER, MARINAS AND BEACHES

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



ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSED MEMORIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE BENCH LOCATIONS – July 8, 2021

	Park:	Location:	Requested for:	Requested by:	New/Replace
1)	Shoreline Park	East side of base of Shoreline Park Lions Lighthouse	Paul Kennard	Linda Kennard	Existing Bench
2)					
3)					



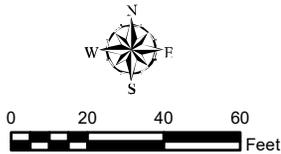
Potential Memorial Bench Location



Attachment B

Proposed Paul Kennard Memorial Bench

Shoreline Park Lions Lighthouse for Sight





PARK BENCH APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Requestor: Linda Kennard (on behalf of The Family of Paul Kennard)

Requestor Phone Number: (562) 361-5868

Requestor Email Address: lkmail328@gmail.com

BENCH INFORMATION

Name of Individual Being Memorialized: Paul H. Kennard

Resident of Long Beach: Yes

If Yes, How Many Years: 13 Years

Requested Location of Bench: Shoreline Park (please see attached photo for specific location)

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

Please see next page.

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

1st Line: **In Loving Memory**

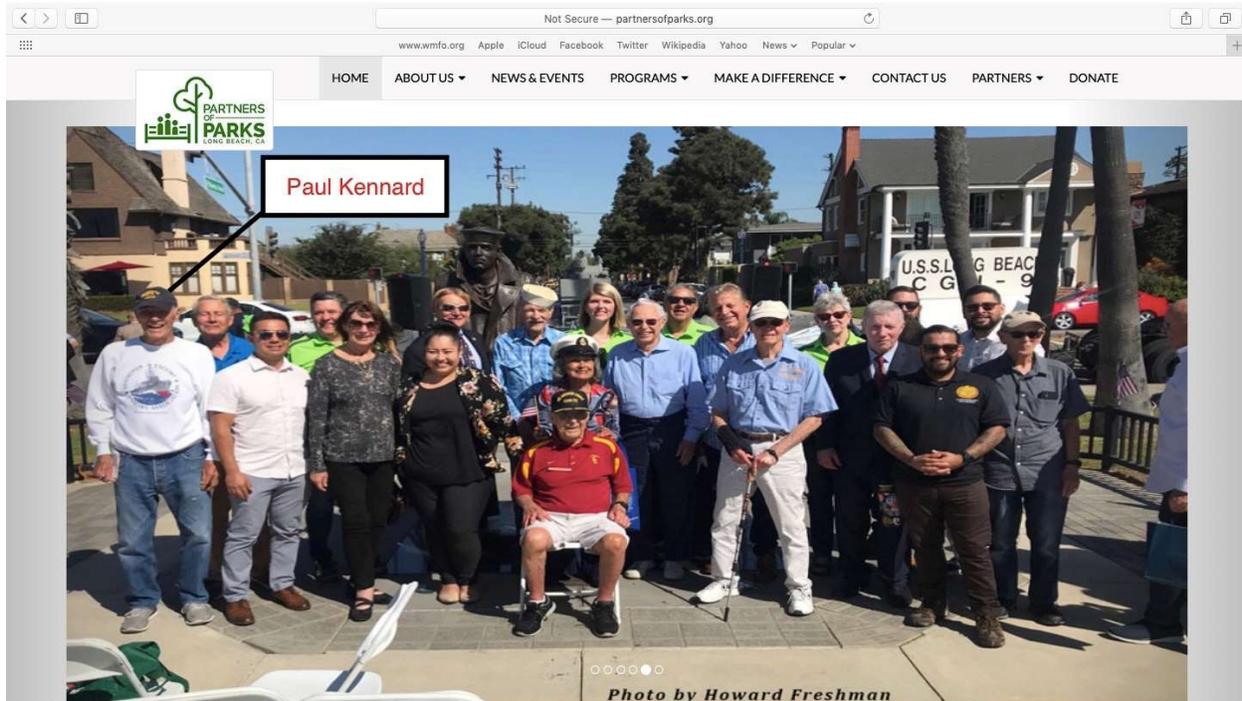
2nd Line: **PAUL H. KENNARD 1929-2020**

3rd Line: **"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"**

4th Line:

Paul H. Kennard: His Life and Community Accomplishments

You may already know Paul Kennard. He loved living in Long Beach and was passionate about giving back to the community. His picture is even on the home page of the Partners of Parks web site:



Welcome to Partners of Parks!

Born in New York in 1929, Paul received his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University and his MBA from USC. He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1956, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant. He then served in the Air Force Reserve, attaining the rank of Colonel.

Paul worked at Hughes Aircraft Company from 1956-1991, in the Radar Systems Group. During this time, he became fascinated with the life and history of Howard Hughes. Paul was particularly captivated by the famous "Spruce Goose," the largest wooden airplane ever made. Paul's balcony in Long Beach had a view of the hangar near the Queen Mary that once housed this famous plane, and he enjoyed telling the story of the brief maiden (and only) flight of the Spruce Goose that took place in Long Beach in 1947.

In 1978, Paul married Linda, and they moved to Long Beach in 2008. They lived at 400 West Ocean, where Linda still lives. From their apartment on the 26th floor they enjoyed a stunning view of downtown, the harbor, the Queen Mary, and the ocean. They spent their days exploring the city's many parks, museums, restaurants and attractions, and particularly enjoyed strolling through Shoreline Park.

Paul was very active in the Long Beach Rotary Club. He believed in giving back to the community, and always left places and people better than he found them. He regularly participated in park clean-up days at Long Beach Rotary Centennial Park. But his special passion was childhood literacy. He led the Rotary

Reads program to foster literacy and love of learning among Long Beach elementary school students. The kids loved “Mr. Paul” and fought to sit on his lap each week when he came to read with them.

Paul was an eternal optimist – generous, loving, kind, and devoted to family and community. He left a legacy of love that cannot be eclipsed by his loss. His was a life fully and generously lived, and we couldn’t think of a better way to celebrate that life than a memorial bench in the city he loved. After he died, we walked through Shoreline Park and saw a perfect spot, just below Paul and Linda’s apartment:



From this spot, someone sitting on Paul’s bench would have the view Paul himself loved so much – the city, the harbor, the Queen Mary, the former home of the Spruce Goose, and the ocean beyond:

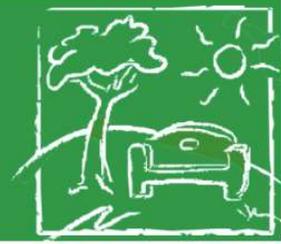


We understand that there are many factors Partners of Parks must consider in placing memorial benches. We offer this history to explain why this location, if available, would be particularly special to Paul's family and many friends. We thank you for considering this application.

This application is submitted on behalf of Paul's entire family: His wife Linda Kennard, his children Karen Kennard, Lisa Brooks and Dana Kennard, his six grandchildren (Tyler Brooks, Daniel Brooks, Rachel Kennard, Miranda Phaal, Zachary Kennard and Logan Kennard) and his great-grandson Jackson Dobrott.

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and PARTNERS OF PARKS

DEDICATE-A-BENCH PROGRAMS



PARK BENCH SELECTION

Please click the check box below to indicate bench preference:

Memorial Park Bench & Standard Plaque

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

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