



CITY OF LONG BEACH

Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Marine Bureau, Marinas and Beaches

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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 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 Parks Lighthouse for Sight.

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:

Approve recommendation.

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Sincerely,



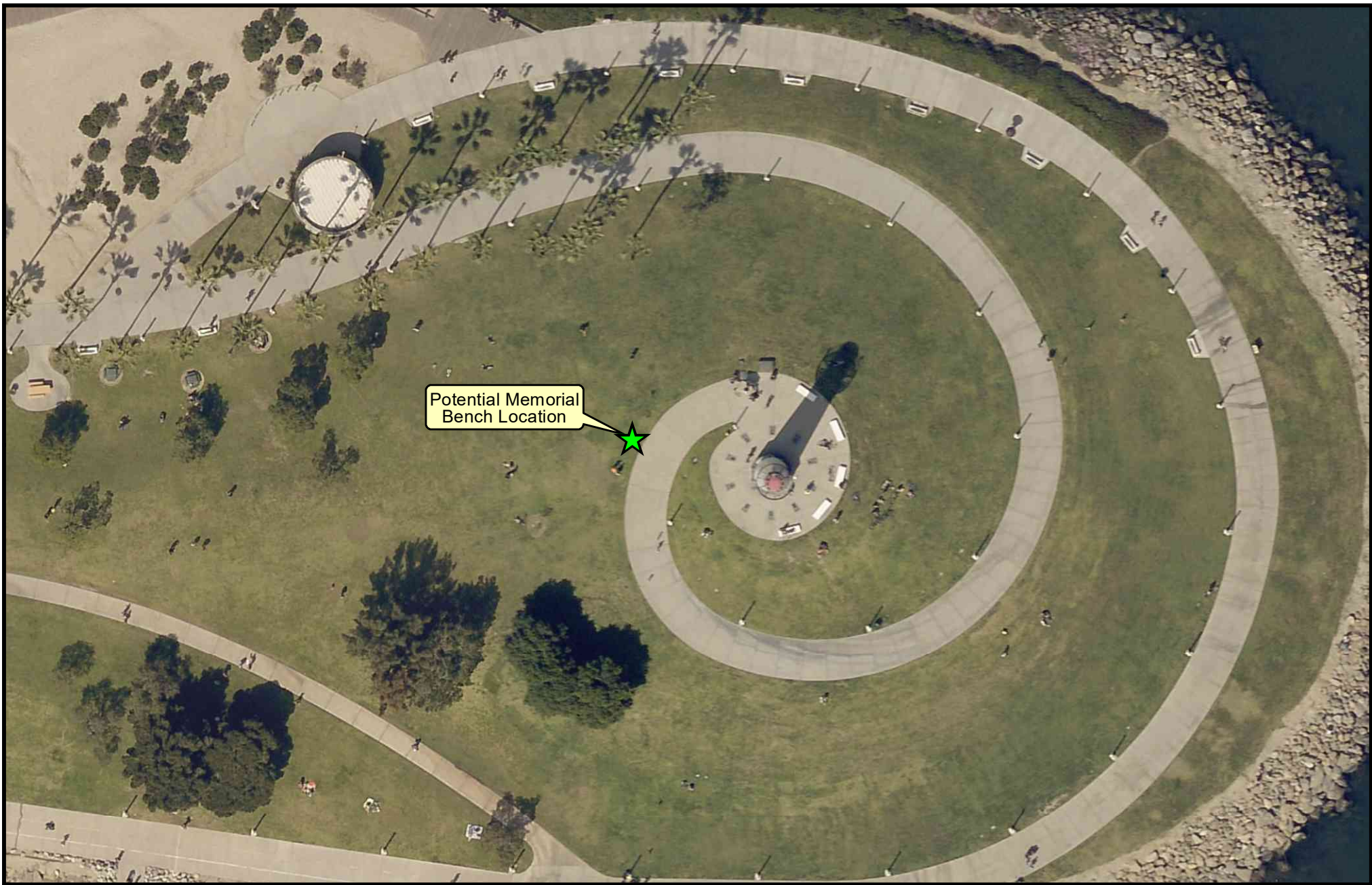
ELVIRA HALLINAN
MANAGER, MARINAS AND BEACHES

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

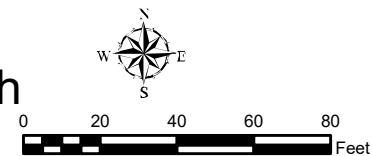


ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSED MEMORIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE BENCH LOCATIONS – November 11, 2021

	Park:	Location:	Requested for:	Requested by:	New/Replace
1)	Shoreline Park	Lions Lighthouse	Gaby and Greg O'Donnell	Dr. Robert Garcia	New Bench

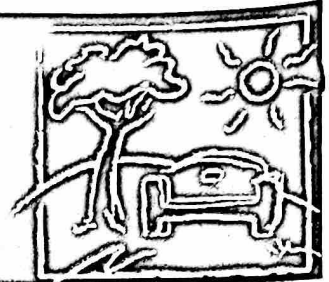


Attachment B Proposed Gaby O'Donnell and Greg O'Donnell Memorial Bench Shoreline Park Lions Lighthouse for Sight



LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE
and PARTNERS OF PARKS

DEDICATE-A-BENCH PROGRAMS



PARK BENCH APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Requestor: Mayor Robert Garcia
Requestor Phone Number: 562-570-6801
Requestor Email Address: Robert.Garcia@longbeach.gov

BENCH INFORMATION

Name of Individual Being Memorialized: Gaby O'Donnell and Greg O'Donnell
Resident of Long Beach: NA
If Yes, How Many Years: NA
Requested Location of Bench: NA

Base of Long Beach lighthouse near trees planted in honor of his parents

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

SEE ATTACHED

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

1st Line:
2nd Line: SEE ATTACHED
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

Gaby was born in Lima, Peru in 1958 to Frida Arce Caceres. There she gave birth to her first son, Robert Garcia. Gaby, her mother Frida, her husband at the time, and her son Robert all immigrated to the United States in search of the American Dream.

Gaby came to the United States with dreams of a better life for her family. She worked as a maid, clerk, and other jobs until she landed as an assistant in a clinic. That job began her life long career in healthcare.

In 1991 she was hired to work in an Oncology Clinic. For almost 30 years she worked as a secretary and medical assistant. She cared for thousands of patients over her lifetime. It was her life's work to support nurses, doctors, and medical personnel. She married Greg O'Donnell in 1993 and later gave birth to her second son, Jacob O'Donnell.

Greg O'Donnell, Robert was quoted as saying about his stepfather, "He was a kind and good-hearted man, an amazing father and grandfather, and the best husband our mom could have ever hoped for. He worked hard for his family and started his own successful small business as a contractor with his brothers."

Gaby Elena O'Donnell
1958 - 2020

Greg Kennedy O'Donnell
1961-2020

Gaby was a Peruvian immigrant who loved her kids, going to the movies, and traveling.

Greg was a small businessman who loved his cars, rock music, and his family.

They fell in love and married in 1993.

They are memorialized by the two Peruvian Pacay trees planted in this park.

"We love you forever" - Jake and Robert