

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: Gifts of Architectural Features, Works of Art and Commemorative Plaques for Public Parks or Other City-owned Land

BACKGROUND: Public parks have as a primary function, the provision of outdoor recreation in spacious, landscaped surroundings. Special architectural features, such as water elements, sculpture, and other works of art add significantly to the parks by the enjoyment derived from experiencing the beauty of the feature. All features must be consistent with applicable Park Master Plans and General Development Plans.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for design, placement and acceptance of architectural, artistic and commemorative features within parks or other City-owned land, and to maintain same.

- POLICY:
1. The City of San Diego shall encourage community groups and individuals to donate "special features" which will add to the interest and attractiveness of the parks, or be of service to patrons of the parks, i.e., drinking fountains, benches.
  2. Proposals for "special features" and their locations shall be reviewed by the Park and Recreation Board and submitted by them to the City Council with recommendations in accordance with Council Policy 100-2 (City Receipt of Donations).
  3. Proposals for special features shall be coordinated for review with the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.
  4. A "special feature" may serve as a recognition to an individual or group; living or dead, who have made a significant contribution to a specific park or community; commemorate an historic occasion; or acknowledge interest of a group or individual in a park.
  5. All "special features" proposed as memorials shall add to the attractiveness or usefulness of the park area or be of unusually significant historical value.

6. The initial costs of development and placement of a decorative memorial or commemorative feature shall be borne totally by private funds. Costs may be shared by the City if the "feature" provides a service to park patrons. The City will assume ownership and maintenance, if accepted, and place in a public park. The City will not assume responsibility for replacement of "features" removed due to vandalism or lost to theft. Proposed "special features" which pose an unusual risk of vandalism, theft or extraordinary maintenance due to design or location, shall not be approved unless the private sponsors make financial arrangements, satisfactory to the City, for replacement, repair or removal of the "feature" due to vandalism, theft or extraordinary maintenance.

7. "Living Memorials," features or facilities which (in addition to their inherent beauty) provide an opportunity for active recreation, shall be encouraged.

8. The Park and Recreation Board shall evaluate each individual memorial feature on the following basis:

- a. Does it add to the attractiveness and/or usefulness of the park?
- b. Does it commemorate an individual group or event of general interest to citizens and tourists?
- c. Is the individual, group, or event worthy of commemoration to future citizens?
- d. Does a proposal for a tribute to a living person meet all criteria, and will "time" substantiate the memorial?
- e. If the "feature" provides a service, are City funds needed for installation, and are they available?
- f. Will proper maintenance be feasible?
- g. Will the feature withstand vandalism and can its design be altered either to deter vandalism or make the cleanup of vandalism easier?

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h. To what extent has the person, group, or event been commemorated in other locations in the metropolitan area?

i. Does the location proposed add significance to the memorial?

SUBSTANTIATION:

Park and Recreation Board Minutes of 5/12/65

Park and Recreation Board Minutes of 3/15/77

Park and Recreation Board Minutes of 5/19/94

Public Facilities and Recreation Committee Minutes of 6/22/94