

Proposal to Enlarge the Current Rock Memorial in the Off-leash Area on Fiesta Island

Purpose: To enlarge the current Rock Memorial in the off-leash area on Fiesta Island where people are placing painted memorial rocks honoring their deceased pets. This gives them great comfort when they have lost a pet and are able to place a rock there in their honor. The current rock memorial was approved by the Mission Bay Park Committee and the San Diego Park board in 2023 and constructed in 2024.

Description: The original plan was designed by Charles Daniels from Park Design Review after he evaluated our smaller scale proposal. The existing memorial is 6 feet by 6 feet but it has become completely filled with rocks. We would like to enlarge it to 12 feet by 12 feet. We will use the existing 4 feet of blocks on the 2 sides and merely extend the perimeter to be 12 by 12 square (See diagram below). The existing post with 'Our Beloved Pets' will be relocated to the center of the new memorial.

Materials: Like the original design, there will be an 8-inch deep trench with 4 inches of crushed 3/4 inch rock at the bottom. On top of the rocks there will be one row of 4-inch tall concrete decorative blocks bringing it even with the soil surface. Another row of decorative blocks will be added on top of this to make the enclosure. The original post engraved with 'Our Beloved Pets' will be recentered in the middle of the new area.

The specific materials used will be:

- Oldcastle Beltis 4-inch X 11-inch X 6-inch Victorian Concrete Retaining Wall Blocks
- 3/4-inch crushed rock
- Construction adhesive between blocks
- Sand for the interior of the enclosure where rocks will be placed
- One 4-inch X 4-inch solid wood post in the center

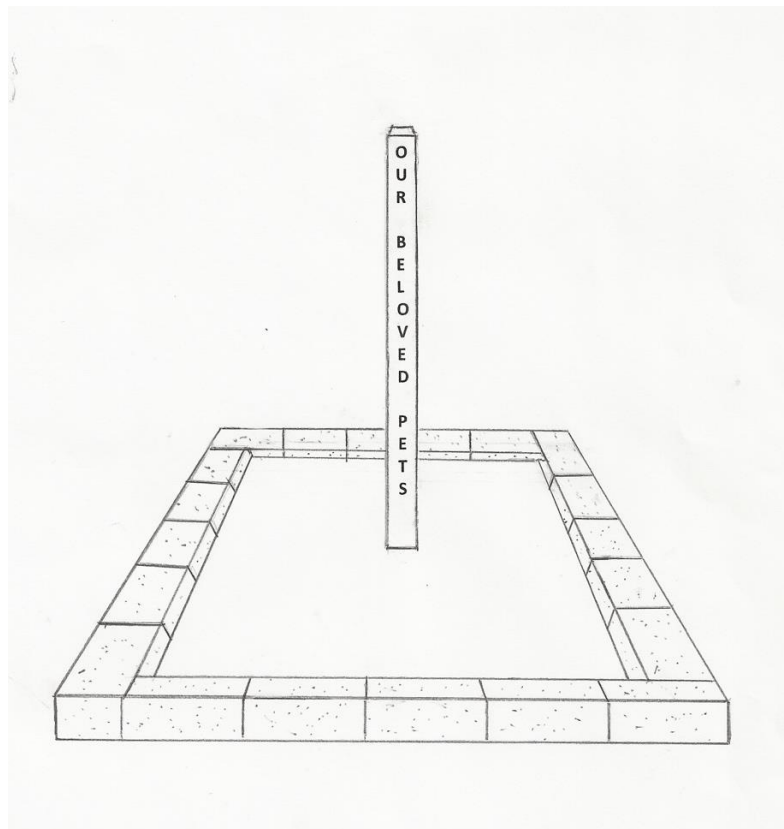
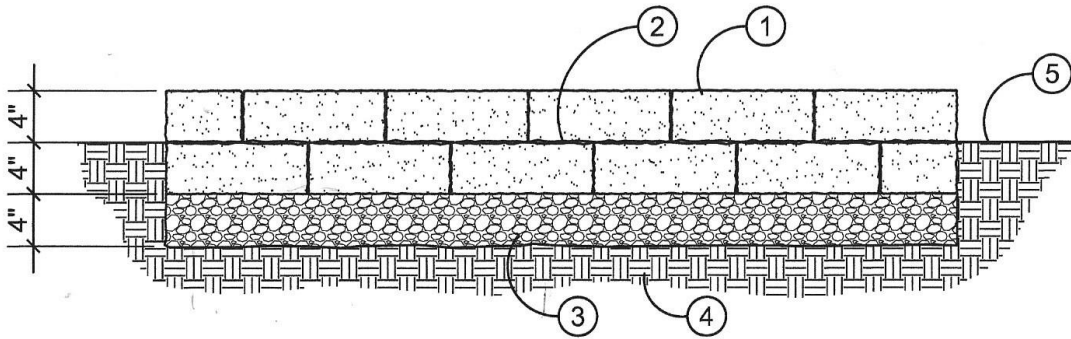
Materials and Labor: All materials will be purchased, paid for, and delivered to the area by Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with more than 16,000 members. Labor will be performed by FIDO volunteers. FIDO carries a \$2 million Commercial General Liability insurance policy and will provide an endorsement naming the City of San Diego as an Additional Insured.

Location: It will remain at the intersection of two paths in the center of off-leash area so that mowing will only be required along two sides. (Red dot is the table/tree location. Blue dot is the proposed memorial location)



FIDO Proposed Project Design:

- 1 CONCRETE BLOCK WALL, 11" W X 6" D X 4" H, TWO COURSES
- 2 CONSTRUCTION ADHESIVE BETWEEN COURSES
- 3 4" LAYER OF CRUSHED $\frac{3}{4}$ " ROCK
- 4 COMPACTED SUBGRADE
- 5 FINISH GRADE/EXISTING GRADE

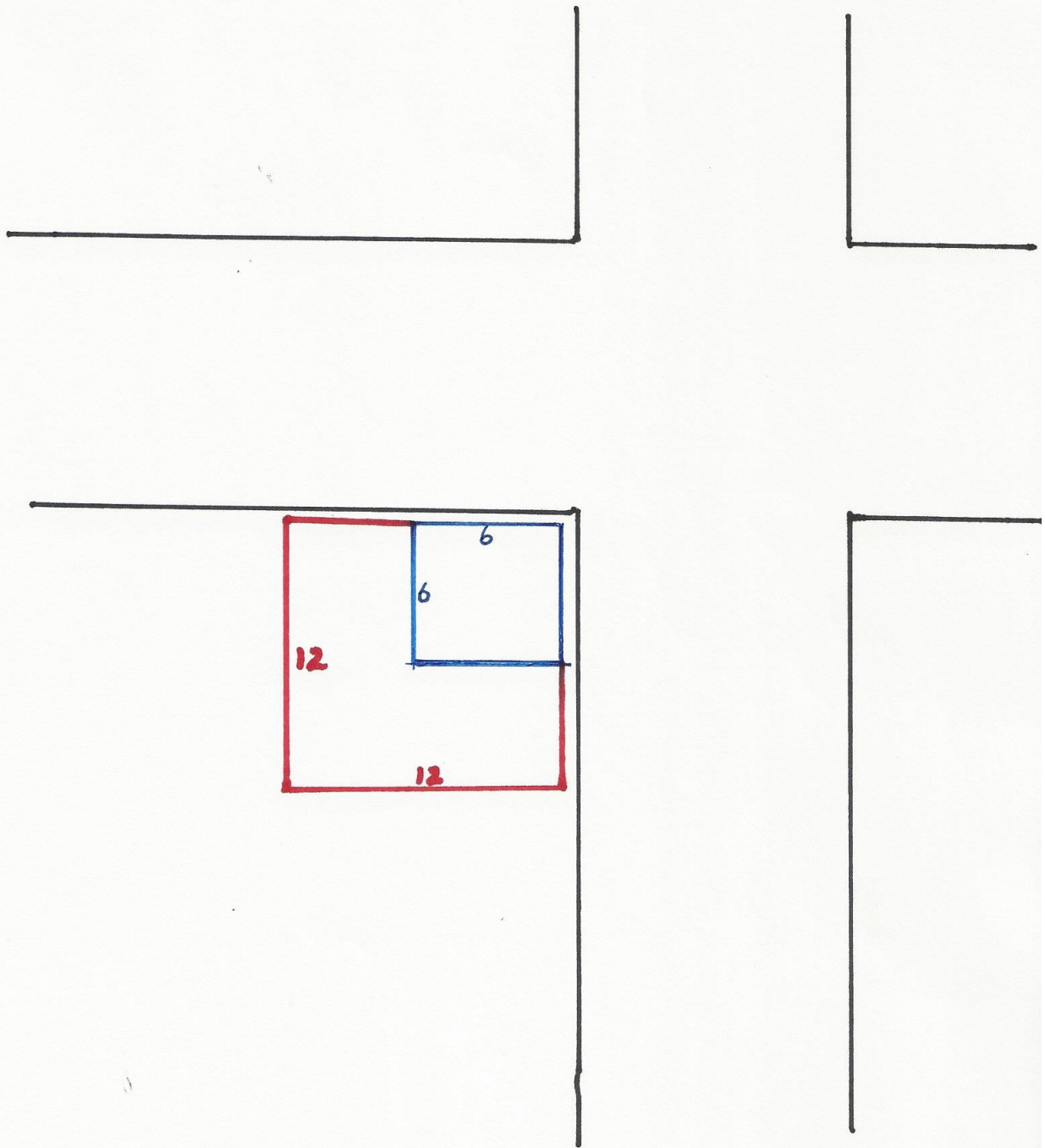


Current Rock Memorial:



Proposed enlargement of rock memorial

(Current size in blue, proposed size in red, existing pathways in black)



FIDO's Request: We are asking for your approval to enlarge the current FIDO Pet Memorial so that more people can add their pet's memorial rocks to the site.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO)