

FIDO Rock Memorial Proposal for the Off-Leash Area on Fiesta Island

Purpose: To re-create a new Rock Memorial in the off-leash area on Fiesta Island where the public can place painted memorial rocks honoring their deceased pets. This is to replace a previous memorial that began organically about 10 years ago and gave people great comfort when they lost a pet and were able to place a rock there in their honor.

Description: It will be a 6-foot by 6-foot area outlined by decorative cement blocks resting on a crushed rock and block footing. This plan, a more permanent structure, was designed by Charles Daniels from Park Design Review after he evaluated our smaller scale proposal. There will be a 4-inch by 4-inch post in the center engraved with 'Our Beloved Pets'. (See diagrams below.)

Materials: 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. There will be a 4-inch by 4-inch wooden post engraved with 'Our Beloved Pets' in the center of the enclosure.

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
- Orange safety barrier fence
- Fence posts for barrier fence

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. There will be a 4-foot tall temporary barrier fence around the site during construction. 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 be at the intersection of two paths in the center of the 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)



Former Fiesta Island Memorial for Illustrative Purposes:

(There were fewer rocks present when this photo was taken as many people had already retrieved their rocks after Park and Rec announced their plan to remove the memorial)



Examples of Memorial Rocks:



Similar Pet Memorials in Other Local Parks and Pet Facilities:

Dog Beach Entry Bordered with Memorial Bricks-



San Diego Humane Society Cat and Dog Celebration Tags-



Solana Beach Coastal Rail Trail Memorial Rock Garden-

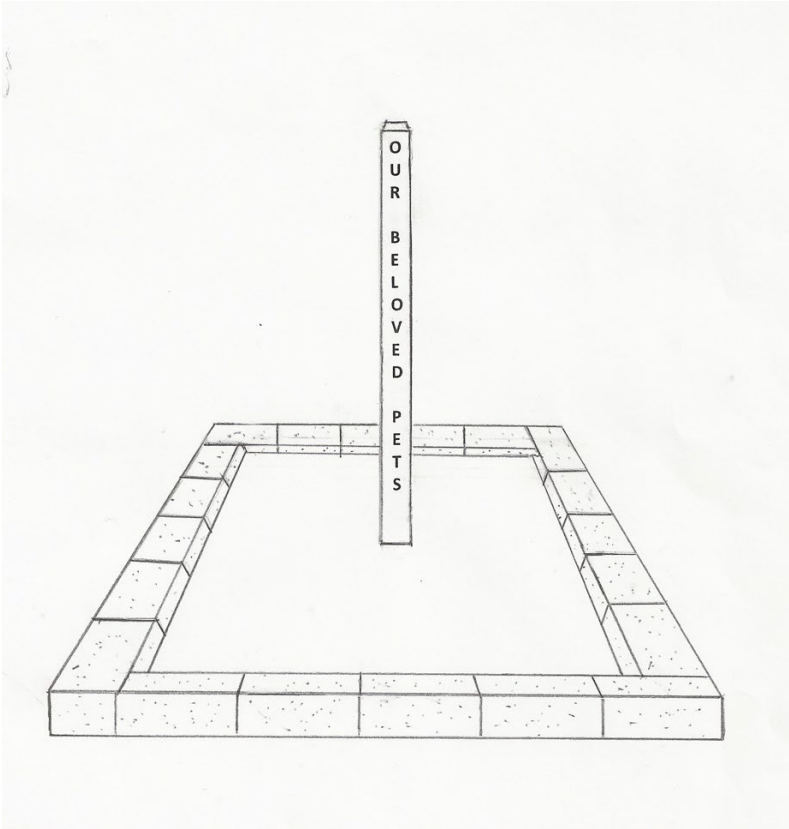
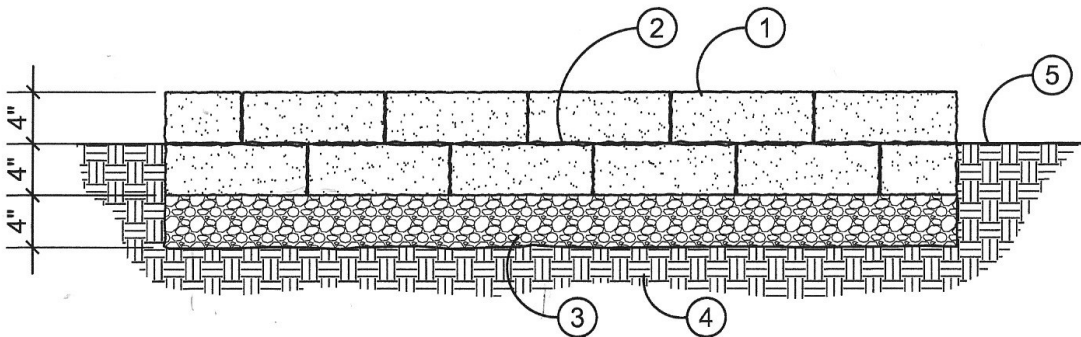


Del Mar Beach Memorial Rock Garden-



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



FIDO's Request of the San Diego Park Board: We are asking for your approval of this proposed FIDO Pet Memorial Project so that we may move forward with replacing the unauthorized one that was removed in 2022. The Mission Bay Park Committee unanimously approved our proposal at its December 2022 meeting. We ask for your support in restoring this small sanctuary area that provides a meaningful way for owners to honor their departed, beloved pets.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO)