

Proposal for Maruta Gardner Memorial Plaque at the Maruta Gardner Playground on Bonita Cove

Submitted by Mission Beach Women's Club Foundation

Purpose: This plaque will provide information to visitors to the Maruta Gardner Playground about Maruta Gardner's life, and to honor her many contributions to the community. It will explain how she, along with her colleagues at the Mission Beach Women's Club, created a vision for this beautiful park where children from all over can play safely and joyfully. It will thank the City of San Diego for their collaboration in making this dream come true.

Description:

It will be a cast bronze pedestal plaque on a ground stake that protrudes from the ground approximately 52 inches. The rectangular part of the plaque will be 16 ½ by 22 ¾ inches and set at a slight angle for better visibility. There will be a maximum of 200 words commemorating the life of Maruta Gardner and her connection to the Mission Beach Women's Club. The design is similar to the plaque outside the Mission Beach Women's Club.



There will be an artist's rendering of Maruta with her trike at the top of the plaque.



Narrative of the Plaque:

In Honor and Gratitude

Dr. Maruta Rubens Gardner

Dedicated November 9, 2020

Maruta Gardner selflessly gave her energy and spirit to the betterment of the Mission Beach community. She was well known and loved for tirelessly riding her trike filled with paint supplies to clean up neighborhood graffiti.

Dr. Gardner spent her professional career helping children. Starting in 2015, she and her "sisters" of the Mission Beach Women's Club created a vision for what became this beautiful playground where children from all over can play safely and joyfully. In 2020 the city reopened the park proudly named after our beloved Maruta who would say, "My, isn't this nice."

Every November 3rd, Maruta Gardner Day is celebrated with a beach cleanup. Please join the community wherever you are, and clean up a bit of our Earth in honor of our friend and local hero.

Materials and Labor:

The Mission Beach Women's Club Foundation Board will contract with the plaque company to purchase, pay for, and deliver the plaque to the Maruta Gardner Playground in collaboration with Mike Rodriguez and his staff.

Location:

Our proposed location of the plaque will be just to the East of the sign that reads Maruta Gardner.

