Memorial Bench Policy

The City of Foster City supports the needs and principles of allowing memorial benches in parks and green space areas, but is also mindful that these facilities have many uses and are enjoyed by a wide range of people. Therefore, the City desires to manage and regulate memorial benches for the mutual benefit of all.

It is the intention that the memorial bench giving policy only covers the broad sense of memorial benches and is not meant to be exhaustive. Memorial bench proposals outside the scope of this policy may still be considered.

- Applications for memorial bench donations may be picked up at the Foster City Recreation Center or downloaded by going to http://www.fostercity.org and clicking on Memorial Donations.

- The cost for a memorial bench is $3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) made payable to The City of Foster City Memorial Bench fund. This cost is in perpetuity. This includes the concrete bench pad, procurement and installation of the bench and plaque/plate, and replacement of the bench once it has reached its useful life span. (approximately 10-15 years life span)

- The bench style and location must conform to the ADA (American Disabilities Act) resting bench program and long range city bench program.

- Memorial benches will be positioned to maximize the benefit to an area. The City will attempt to accommodate the wishes of an applicant at all times.

- The number of memorials shall not detract from the prime recreational purpose of an area.

- The City may limit the number of memorials in a particular area.

- The City accepts no liability for damages to any memorials from vandals or third parties.

- The City reserves the right to remove any memorials that have been damaged, and is, in the view of city staff, beyond repair.

- All memorial benches are added to a special data base with status, location, type of bench, donor, the amount donated, and the person memorialized.