



Legislation Text

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TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

Bruce Moe, City Manager

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Consideration of Final Design for Bruce's Beach Plaque Monument Landscaping (City Manager Moe).

(Estimated Time: 30 Mins.)

APPROVE

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the landscape plan for the Bruce's Beach Plaque monument.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

On March 10, 2022, City Council appropriated \$20,000 from the Public Arts Trust Fund to cover the costs of developing a plaque monument at Bruce's Beach. The attached design for landscaping are not included in that budget. Depending on which contractor is selected, the costs may vary, however, the estimated cost for the attached option is \$27,320, however, that does not include estimates for the cor-ten steel planters and the curved benches presented in the rendering. Under Manhattan Beach Municipal Code (MBMC) Chapter 2.37 and the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCA), the City is not compelled to go through a competitive bidding process, but it is prudent to collect quotes to ensure competitive pricing. Once the City Council approves the design staff will proceed with soliciting quotes on the project and begin installation as soon as possible.

Once the exact costs are known, a budget adjustment will be presented.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On December 20, 2022, staff presented three options for the Bruce's Beach plaque monument hardscape and landscape plans. City Council chose Option No. 1 with the following suggested changes:

1. Removal of the proposed decomposed granite.
2. Inclusion of bench seating and deletion of seat boulders.
3. Expansion of the diameter of the cement circle to improve circulation and access to the monument site.
4. Creation of an opening at the westerly side of the circle to direct focus on the ocean view.

The attached proposed design incorporates the direction from City Council regarding the installation of the plaque monument.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposed plan.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

At the December 20, 2022, meeting, City Council requested that the revised proposed plan be sent to the neighboring residents near Bruce's Beach. On January 11, 2023, staff mailed a notice with a link to the proposal to every resident within 500 feet of Bruce's Beach Park, and subsequently posted it on the City social media platforms.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

On April 19, 2022, in approving the overall project (Bruce's Beach plaque monument) the City Council determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15311(a) (Accessory Structures) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which exempts on-premise signs at existing institutional facilities (Class 11 categorical exemption). As the proposed landscape and hardscape design are a component of the overall project, and the existing conditions surrounding the project have remain unchanged, the initial determination of exemption pursuant to Section 15311(a) remains applicable. Thus, no further environmental review is necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Hardscape and Planting Plans
2. Rough Cost Estimate
3. PowerPoint Presentation