



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 12, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Donation: Bench and picnic equipment at Codornices Park in memory of Lucinda Sikes

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$16,000 donation from the local friends of Lucinda Sikes for a memorial bench and picnic equipment to be placed at Codornices Park in memory of Lucinda.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Local friends of Lucinda Sikes have created a memorial fund and wish to donate to the proceeds to the City in the amount of \$16,000 to help cover the purchase and installation of a memorial bench and picnic equipment at Codornices Park. The cash donation will be deposited into Parks Fund donation revenue budget code 138-52-542-568-0000-000-000-481110 and will be appropriated in FY 2022.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Local friends of Lucinda Sikes wish to donate \$16,000 for two picnic tables, a barbeque, an ash disposal bin, a garbage can, and two park benches (one will be a memorial bench) at Codornices Park. This will create a new reservable family picnic site. Per the City's Expanded City Parks Donation Policy, individuals may donate to a specific parks budget accounts that the City uses to purchase essential items in the normal course of operating and maintaining the City's parks. These items include picnic tables and other parks equipment.

Per the City's Park Bench Donation Policy, individuals may donate memorial benches to the City's parks in selected locations, subject to the approval of the Director of the Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department, and pay for all associated costs, subject to Council disclosure and approval of the gift donation. The Director has determined that the proposed donation complies with the City's Expanded City Park Donation, Resolution No. 66,831-N.S. and the City's Bench Donation Policy, Resolution No. 64-148-N.S. and has approved the donation, subject to Council approval.

BACKGROUND

Benches are placed throughout the City in accordance with the City's Park Bench Donation Policy approved by Council on July 22, 2008 (Resolution No. 64,148-N.S). The City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The City's vendor for benches, Ross Recreation, makes it a priority to purchase only sustainably-harvested wood derived from stringently-regulated timber source locations, including California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. This policy reduces solid waste volumes in landfills, helps conserve natural resources and limits the environmental effects resulting from the extraction of virgin materials. The benches therefore comply with the City's environmentally preferable purchasing policy, specifically section 3.47 Forest Conservation.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The donation allows the City to install a memorial bench and renovate a picnic area in a public park for the benefit of the general public.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

DONATION: MEMORIAL BENCH AND PICNIC EQUIPMENT AT CODORNICES
PARK IN MEMORY OF LUCINDA SIKES

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2008, Council adopted the Park Bench Donation Policy (Resolution No. 64-148 N.S.); and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 201, Council adopted the Expanded City Parks Donation Policy (Resolution No 66,831 N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, local friends of Lucinda Sikes wishes to donate \$16,000 for a memorial bench and picnic equipment at Codornices Park; and

WHEREAS, the cash donation will be deposited into Parks Fund donation revenue budget code 138-52-542-568-0000-000-000-481110 and will be appropriated in FY 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that a donation of \$16,000 from the local friends of Lucinda Sikes for a memorial bench and picnic equipment at Codornices Park picnic area in memory of Lucinda Sikes is hereby accepted.

