



City of Bellingham
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MEMORANDUM

TO: BELLINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FROM: GINA AUSTIN
CC: LAINE POTTER; NICOLE OLIVER
SUBJECT: GERI FIELDS SOFTBALL WALL OF FAME
DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2023

An existing wall known as the "Softball Wall of Fame" located at Geri Fields in the Civic Athletic Complex has been vandalized over the years and is in disrepair.

Staff is recommending removal of the wall and relocation of remaining plaques to the existing restroom wall between Geri Fields 2 and 3.

Staff has researched the city's records archive, museum files, and newspaper archives and cannot find any information as to when the original installation occurred and the names of the players on the missing plaques.

Staff is resending this work to the Bellingham Park Board in an open meeting to inform the Board and public that this work will be occurring.

Attachments:

1. City Policy PAR 03.00.02
2. CityIQ Map
3. Site Photos

PARK DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Reference Number: PAR 03.00.02

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for approving and accepting donations in City Park facilities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all park facilities, excluding Bayview Cemetery. This policy does not apply to land donations.

DEFINITIONS

"City" refers to the City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department.

"Donation" refers to equipment, material, money or any other items given to the City which becomes the sole property of the City at the time of donation, to be owned and managed in the best interest of the City. Also refers to items that are accepted by the City, either verbally or in writing or by virtue of use, unless otherwise stipulated in a written agreement.

"Standard Plaques" refers to flat or flush-mounted markers either free standing or attached to an object in a park or facility.

POLICY/CONDITIONS

1. City Accepts Donations of Equipment, Material, Money, or Other Items

All donations accepted should respond to a recognized need within the City and therefore support services identified by the City.

Donors may be required to pay all associated expenses for donations such as park benches, trees and other items supplied, fabricated or installed for or by the City.

Donations become the sole property of the City at the time of donation, to be owned and managed in the best interest of the City.

2. City Develops Procedures, Approval and Documentation Process for Accepting and Managing Donations.

Donations shall be handled in accordance BMC 4.90.

Donations of art to be placed in parks must also be approved by the Bellingham Arts Commission and the Mayor, in accordance with PRA 19.00.01.

Donations may be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for recommendation, at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Director.

3. City Determines Standards for Recognition of the Donation

The City has standard recognition plaques; variation from identified standards must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Director.

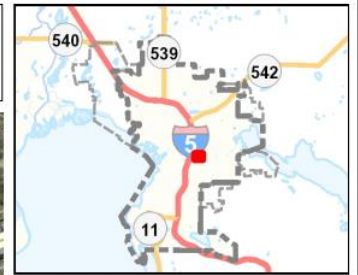
Parks and Recreation Department staff approves the location and text for plaques. All signs and plaques shall be installed by the City unless otherwise approved by the Parks and Recreation Director.

3. City Reserves the Right to Deny Approval

Any donation may be denied approval for any reason as determined by the Parks and Recreation Director.

4. City Reserves the Right for Removal

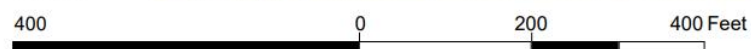
Any donation may be removed or relocated if damaged, the life of the asset has expired, a hazard exists, a conflict is identified, or after 10 years. Removal may occur without notification.



Legend

- Buildings
- Docks
- Washington Roads Labels
- Bellingham Streets Street View
- Bellingham Streets Detail View
- County Roads Detail
- Trails
- Railroads
- Ferries
- Guardrails
- Airport
- Tax Parcels
- Care Facility
- Hospital
- Schools
- <all other values>
- Schools
 - Colleges/Universities
 - Elementary, Middle, High Schools
 - Private School or Preschool
- Fire Stations
- City Boundary
- Urban Growth Area
- Trails
- Railroads
- Ferries
- Street
- Interstate
- Airport
- Open Channel Streams
- Parks

Notes
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THIS MAP IS NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

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Photo 1 – Aerial



Photo 2 – Wall



Photo 3 – Wall



Photo 4 – Wall