

Memorial Benches & Plaques

Task: Create a new policy whereby the criteria for the addition of future memorial benches and plaques are standardized.

Meg and Dean met on August 16th and walked the Amanda Trail to the 2 benches, Christensens and View the Future, and assessed those existing benches for their materials, size, installation, durability, and overall design. We also considered plaque material and size. We met again the following week to put together our thoughts and recommendations to bring to our commission.

Recommendations:

Benches: Recycled plastic material, 6 foot, stainless steel buried mount – Same bench that is there now

Plaques: Bronze, 6" x 2.5", recessed into back of bench

We also discussed ideas for the process that we might use to give authorization for future benches.

Questions:

Who decides?

Parks & Commons Commission? City Council? City Manager?

Criteria for getting a bench?

Service – how long has someone served in the Yachats community and what was that service?

Significant monetary contribution to the community and how much did they contribute?

Who pays for the bench?

Other considerations:

Since there are only so many benches we can add to the community, other options to recognize someone are a brick, rock, and future Bay View boardwalk options such as plaques on railings.

These would be considered on a case by case basis.

