



# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager *GD*

**FROM:** Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation *RG*  
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager *JP*

**DATE:** March 4, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Recommended Strand Alcove/Bench sites for City Council Approval

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss and approve the Strand Alcove/Bench sites

### FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications on the general fund associated with the recommended action. The six benches to be installed were purchased through the Arts Trust fund for a total of \$75,000.

### BACKGROUND:

During the **June 19, 2007** Council meeting, Council approved the purchase of six artistic benches from artist Stacy Dukes for the Strand Alcove/Bench Improvement project at a total cost of \$75,000. Council requested staff to identify six Strand alcove sites for the placement of the benches. Two of the six benches have been completed and the remaining four will be delivered within the next several weeks. Public Works will install the benches by the end of April. Per Council direction the benches will be installed, but no flooring changes will be made in the alcoves.

### DISCUSSION:

The Cultural Arts Commission met on February 12 and discussed the sites for the placement of the benches. The Commission recommends that the six artistic benches be spread out along the length of the Strand for all to enjoy with the thought that future donor benches would replace the existing terra cotta benches shown in the pictures. The six sites designated for the benches are: 11<sup>th</sup> Street south of Manhattan Beach pier; Shell Street; 39<sup>th</sup> Street; 32<sup>nd</sup> Street; Marine Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. These sites are shown in the attached document. This allocation would place an artistic bench every four to six blocks with the exception of 32<sup>nd</sup> to Marine. Upon approval by City Council the six sites will be prepared for the bench installations by the Public Works division.

The guidelines for donors wishing to place a bench on the Strand will be brought to Council at a meeting in the near future.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that City Council review the attached document and approve the installation sites with any changes deemed necessary.

**Attachments:**

- A. Strand Alcove/Bench Map and photos

- Gull St
- 44th St
- Shell St
- 43rd St
- Seaview St
- 42nd St
- Moonstone
- 41st St
- Kelp St

Rosecrans Ave

- 39th St
- 38th St
- Rosecrans Ave
- 36th St
- 35th St
- 34th St
- 33rd St
- 32nd St
- 31st St
- 30th St
- 29th St
- 28th St
- 27th St



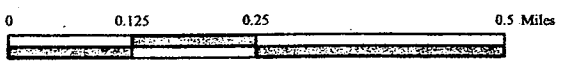
- 26th St
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- Marine Ave
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- ★ 16th St
- 15th St
- 14th St
- 13th St
- 12th St

Valley Dr  
Ardmore Ave

# Strand Alcoves

- 11th St
- 10th St
- 9th St
- ★ 8th St
- 7th St
- 5th St
- 3rd St

Manhattan Beach Blvd



✕ Existing artistic benches

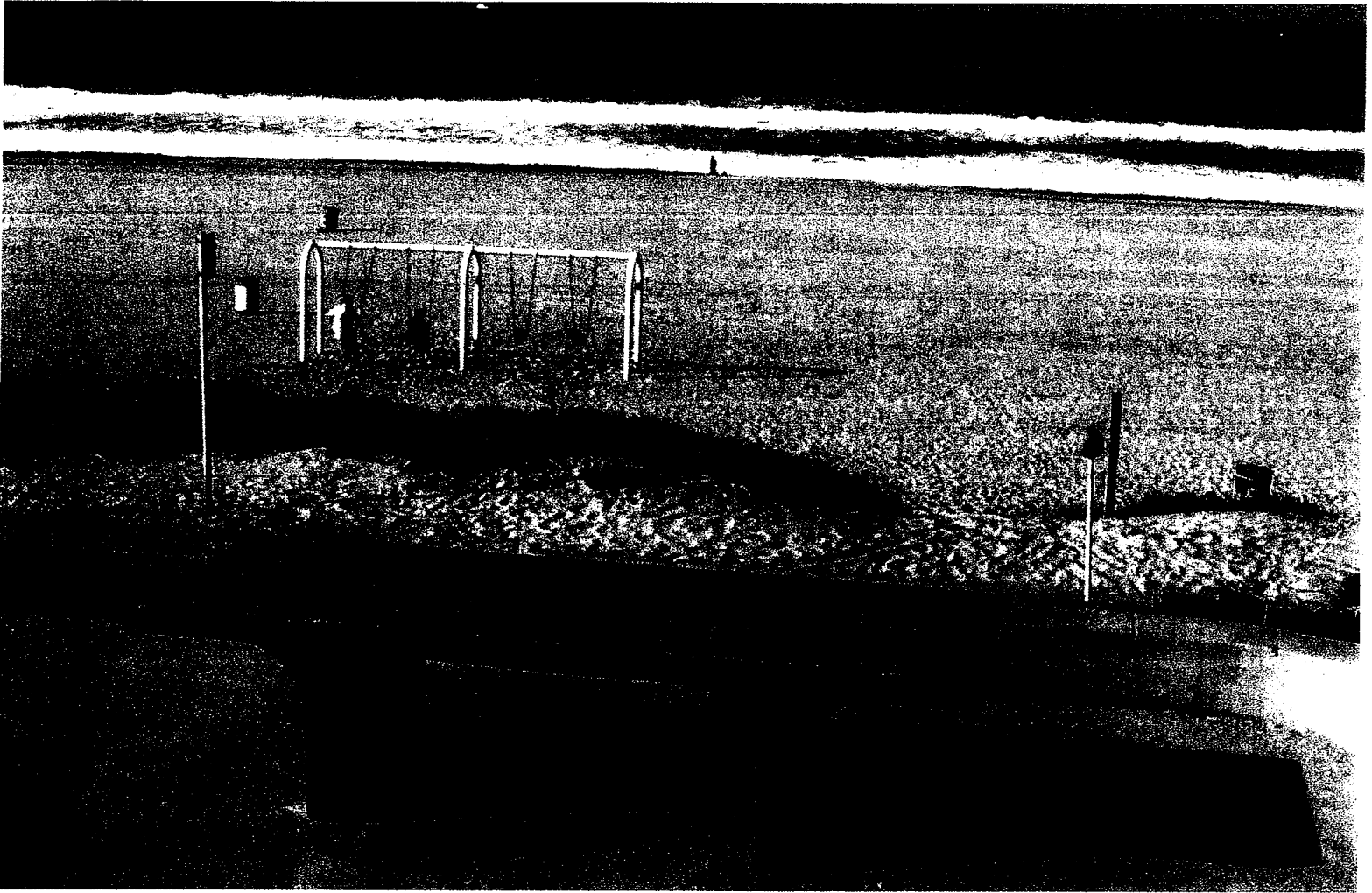
■ Proposed Sites



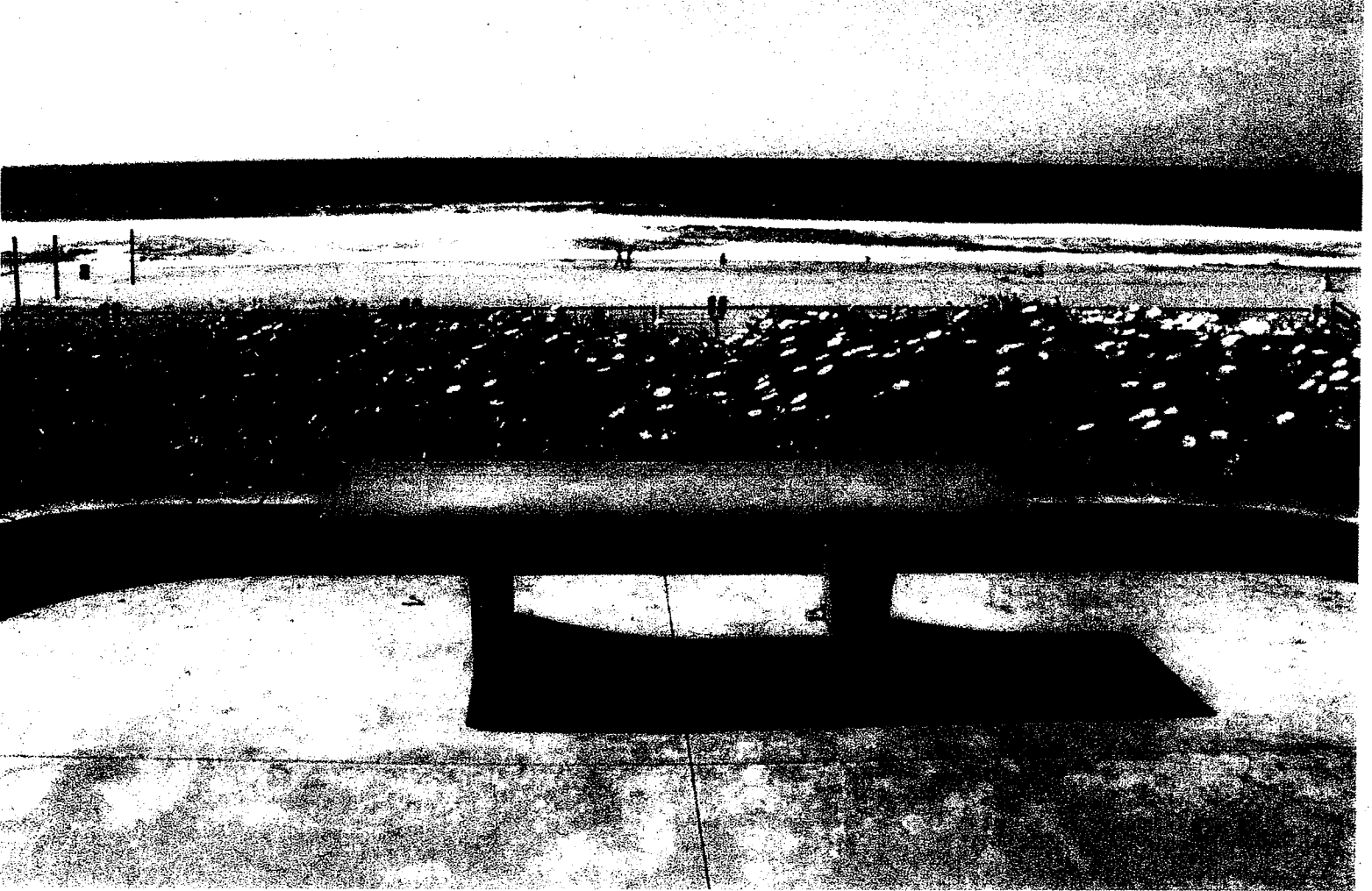
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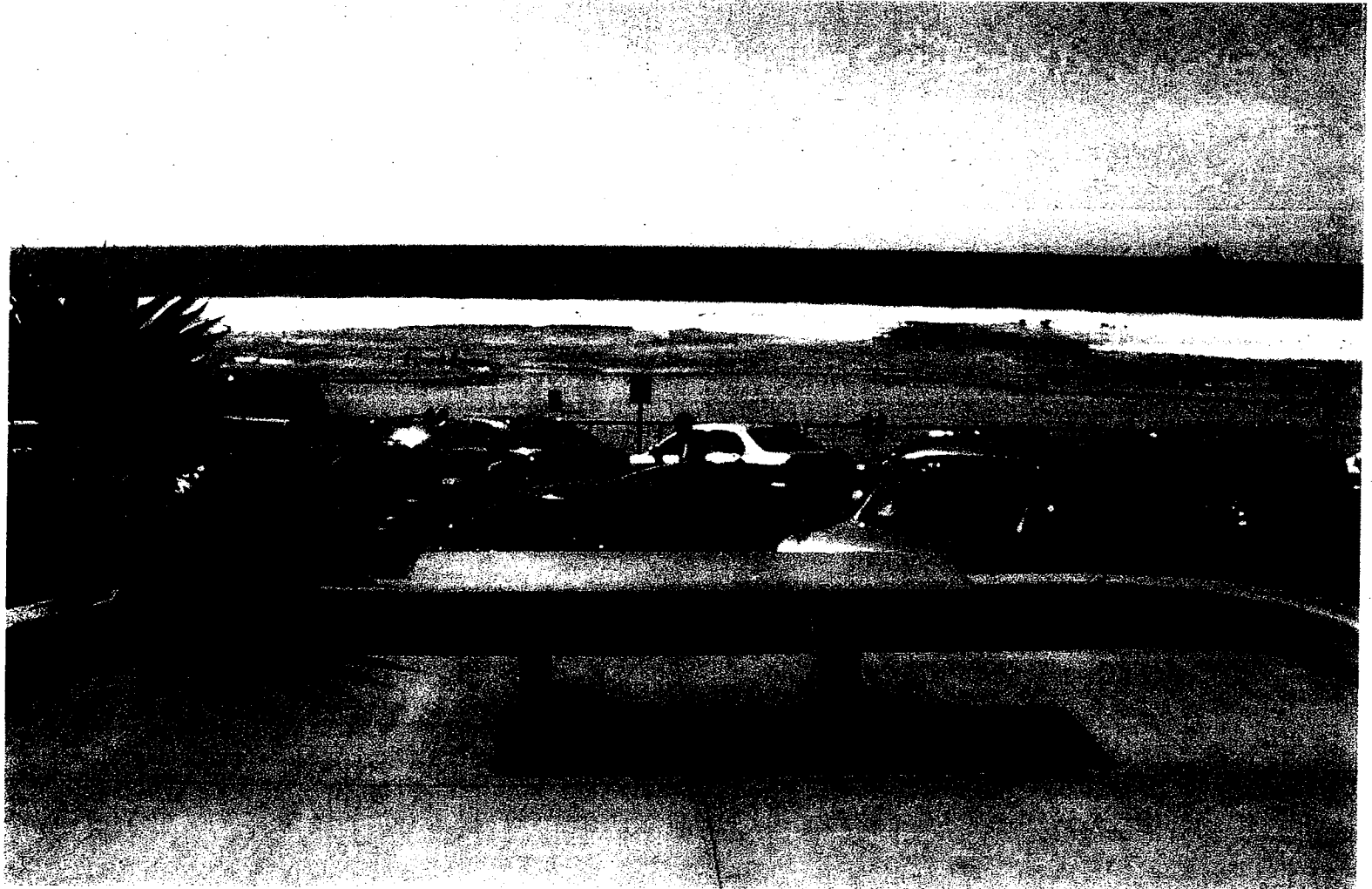
11th Street



Marine Ave.



39th Street



Shell Street