



Agenda Item #: _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

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

DATE: September 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Consideration of Proposed Colors for Strand Alcove Benches

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss the two proposed colors (attached) for the benches donated for the Strand Alcoves and provide direction.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal implication associated with this report. The Strand Alcove bench program is funded by donors.

BACKGROUND:

In 2006, the City Council approved the guidelines for the Strand Alcove bench program. This program allows individuals to donate artistic benches to be placed in the alcoves on the Strand within the guidelines approved by Council.

DISCUSSION:

The guidelines approved by City Council allow donors to place benches along the Strand with “colors of a soft hue.” So far, all the benches on the Strand that have been donated are either a sand or white color. Seven benches have been placed on the Strand by the City which are of a natural sand color and two benches have been donated which are more of a whitish color. During the discussion for the guidelines on the benches, City Council was concerned that very bright multicolored benches might be offensive to the people living and walking along the Strand.

Because the program is just starting and there was a question on the color, staff thought it might be best to have City Council review the two proposed colors and provide direction.

The two colors attached for consideration have been proposed by two donors who plan to attend tonight’s meeting.

Attachments: A – Proposed Bench Colors
B – Council Approved Bench Donor Guidelines