

Definitions of New Donations: New donations are those made after the adoption of this policy. Each donation will fall under one of three category types:

1. Donation of personal items to the park (artwork, seating, fixtures).
2. Monetary donation for a memorial item to be added to the park (trees, benches, convenience items).
3. Monetary donations to fund a specific or unspecified project or maintenance in the park.

POLICY:

1. Requirements for Accepting Donations or Gifts

- a) The donation or gift must have a purpose consistent with the Atherton Parks and Recreation Committee goals and objectives.
- b) The Atherton Parks and Recreation Committee may decline any donation or gift without comment or cause.
- c) The donation or gift will not be in conflict with any provision of the law.
- d) Any non-cash donation or gift will be aesthetically acceptable to the committee.
- e) The donation or gift will not add to the Park's workload unless it provides a net benefit to the park.
- f) The donation or gift will not bring hidden costs such as starting a program the City would be unwilling to fund when the donation is exhausted.
- g) The donation or gift places no restriction on the City or the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation, unless agreed to by the City Manager or Council.
- h) The donation or gift shall become property of the City.
- i) All donations or gifts will receive recognition appropriate to the level and nature of the donation, as determined by the City. For those of a capital nature, that may be in the form of signage, marking, naming, or any other means the City should deem appropriate. Regardless of the recognition strategy selected, the intent shall be to appropriately honor the donor for their contribution to the community. The appearance of traditional commercial advertising shall be avoided.
- j) Donations of \$2500 or less of personal and memorial items will be brought by the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation to the Parks and Recreation Committee for approval and placement. Donations of items greater than \$2500 will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Committee for approval and then the Atherton City Council for final acceptance.
- k) All information regarding a donor or donors and their respective donation(s) or gift(s) are public information, and are subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act.
- l) All donated items will become the property of the Town of Atherton. Any unused money from a donation will be used by the Holbrook Palmer Park Foundation to fund new and ongoing projects and/or maintenance in the park.

2. **Monetary donation for a memorial item:** The City and the community have an interest in ensuring that park elements purchased and installed be of high quality related to style, appearance, durability, and ease of maintenance. Donations of items not purchased by

the City are subject to the acceptance by the Park and Recreation Committee as to their useful condition, suitability in the park and maintenance requirements.

Monetary donations for the purpose of purchase and installation of a specific appurtenance or tree in the park need to follow the following donation schedule:

Tree (common):	\$2000
Tree (specimen):	\$2500
Furniture (Park bench, picnic table, park convenience item)	\$2500

- 3. Monetary donations to fund specific or non-specific projects or maintenance in the park.** The Holbrook Palmer Park Foundation is always willing and able to accept monetary donations of any amount for both planned projects in the park and unspecified projects and maintenance to be used at a future date.

Appearance and Aesthetics: The City and the community have an interest in ensuring the best appearance and aesthetic quality of their public facilities. Park elements and/or their associated donation acknowledgements should reflect the character of the park or facility. All park elements will be installed in such a manner that will not substantially change the character of a facility or its intended use.

Maintenance: Donated park elements, and/or their associated donation acknowledgements, become City property. Park staff may be limited by available resources to perform routine maintenance on donated elements and shall perform maintenance on these elements per their discretion. The City assumes no liability as to the condition or useful lifespan of donated elements.

The City reserves the right to remove, replant or repurpose any donated item for a project deemed “for the good of the park” without notification or restitution to the donor of an item.

Repair: Donated park elements must be of high quality to ensure a long life, be resistant to the elements, wear and tear, and to acts of vandalism.

PROCEDURE FOR MAKING A DONATION

The Holbrook Palmer Park Foundation will manage all donations to the park. Once the dollars are procured, the Foundation will put forward a request for installation to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Once approved by the Park and Recreation Committee, a formal request will be issued to the Public Works Department and the work will be carried out by staff. Once completed, staff will invoice the Park Foundation for the costs of all work associated with the installation and administration of the donation.

Application: Applications are available through the mail or in person at the Towns Public Works counter located at 99 Station Lane, Atherton, Ca. 94027. For a donation to be considered, the donor will complete the application form (see Appendix B). Completed applications and

payment will be made to Public Works for review, processing and acceptance by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

Park Site Plan: To accept donation of a park element for a specific park facility, a park site plan must exist showing the available locations for park elements (see Appendix C). If no plan exists, then a donation may be made to another facility. If a plan exists, but does not identify a particular park element proposed for donation, the City may accept the donation under certain conditions. Under this circumstance, the donation must 1) meet a true need of the facility, 2) not interfere with the intended current or future use of the facility. In the opinion of the City and/or Park and Recreation Committee, a facility may be determined to be fully developed and the opportunity for donations would not be available.

Donation Acknowledgements/Memorial Plaques: Donation acknowledgements/memorial plaques will be utilized only in the cases of donations of benches, picnic tables, and park convenience items. Donation acknowledgements and memorial plaques, as approved by the parks and Recreation Committee, are to be directly affixed to the donation and are to be purchased through the Town. Donation acknowledgements/memorial plaques will be of a standard size (2.5 inches by 6 inches) and material established by the Town of Atherton. The Parks and Recreation Committee will approve all text for donation acknowledgements/memorial plaques. Acknowledgements and/or memorials may be limited to a maximum of three lines, and donors may choose from the following three acknowledgement/memorial options: “Donated by _____,” “In memory of _____,” or “Dedicated to _____.”

No memorial plaques will be installed for tree donations.

The City is under no obligation to notify donors or their families when a donated element needs to be taken out of service due to damage, life expectancy or park needs.

PARK BENCHES, BICYCLE RACKS, PICNIC TABLES, AND DRINKING FOUNTAINS

Park benches, bicycle racks, picnic tables, drinking fountains, and playground components may be sited in locations approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee in accordance with an available site plan (see Appendix C). Items donated become City property at the time of purchase.

TREES

The size and species of a donated tree (or trees) shall be limited to those determined by the Town. Trees will only be accepted for areas that have active irrigation systems in place unless the cost for addition of such facility is included in the donation.

MONUMENTS

Other memorials, plaques, and upright monuments or monuments resembling those typically found in cemeteries may not be installed at a City park facility. Exceptions to this policy are monuments installed by the City commemorating the history and/or dedication of a park facility.

OTHER DONATIONS

There may be additional donations possible other than those expressly listed or contained within this policy. They may accept other donations subject to a review and approval by the Parks and Recreation Committee and approval by City Council. The City will bring any donation proposal to the Parks and Recreation Committee for review and approval.

CONDITIONS

Installation: The installation will be scheduled at a time and date as determined by the Public Works Department so as not to unnecessarily interfere with routine park maintenance activities.

Removal and/or Relocation: This section applies to both existing and new donations. The City reserves the right to remove and/or relocate donated park elements and their associated donation acknowledgements/memorial plaques for any reason.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Approved List of Donation Needs/Memorial and Donation Fee Schedule

Appendix B: Memorial and Donation Application

Appendix C: Park Site Plan

Adopted and approved by the Town of Atherton Parks and Recreation Committee on January 15, 2008.