

VICTORY PARK DESIGN GUIDELINES

October 26, 1989

Victory Park was deeded to the City in 1889. Since that time the area has historically served as the front yard to the Long Beach Central Business District. Today, the area functions as the major passive linear park in the Greater Downtown.

PURPOSE

Victory Park was formally declared and dedicated for public park purposes in 1980. The purpose of these guidelines is to insure that the land is available for the enjoyment of the citizens and general public of Long Beach. At the same time, the guidelines serve to coordinate the design and renovation of the park to cause a design that is reminiscent of historic Long Beach and reinforces the character of Ocean Boulevard as a grand boulevard.

APPLICABILITY

These guidelines apply to all portions of Victory Park from Alamitos to Golden Avenue and shall govern for both new construction and renovation.

PRINCIPAL USE

The principal use of the park surface is passive and visual public open space.

The following uses and elements are prohibited:

- All private and commercial uses.
- All new driveways, ramps, parking at or above grade, porte cochere, bicycle paths, retaining and freestanding walls or architectural elements not listed as permitted.
- Directional, private and commercial signs.

Between Pacific Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, mobile commercial vendors and public information kiosks may be permitted, as determined appropriate by the City Planning Commission.

DESIGN CHARACTER

The design shall be developed as an informal landscaped public park.

TOPOGRAPHY

Grading and Drainage:

The northern 75% of the park width shall be graded to appear to be level with the top of curb and sidewalk. The maximum grade permitted is 3.0% starting from the top of curb at Ocean Boulevard and extending to the southern 75% of the park. Drainage shall be accomplished by area drains.

Low berms are permitted in the southern 25% of the park, provided the area is planted with groundcover, shrubs and/or seasonal color. Berms shall not be located in or interfere with required view corridors. Berms shall be informally shaped, with a maximum slope of 2:1 and shall not exceed five feet in height above the top of the Ocean Boulevard curb.



ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS

Fountains and Sculptures

- Appropriately designed fountains, and sculptures are permitted in the southern 25% of park (only). It is intended that these features accentuate the park and public usage, while at the same time protect the continuity of the lawn. These features shall not be utilized to accent an entrance to the adjacent development.

Walkway

- One pedestrian walkway is permitted to connect the Ocean Boulevard sidewalk to each development south of the park. The intent is that the walkway be unobtrusive and does not "read" as a major entrance to the adjacent development, nor should the walk serve as a major design element in the park. The walk shall be no greater than 8' in width and shall be surfaced with dark brown iron stone pavers, running bond pattern parallel to the walk length. Pavers shall be as specified by the Public Works Department. One half inch mortar joints shall be provided. The walk shall be flush with the lawn.
- Entrances to the promenade and treatment of required view corridors shall be as specified in the Local Coastal Plan and subject to Site Plan Review.

Mowing Strip

- A 6" wide concrete mowing strip shall be installed to separate lawn areas from groundcover and shrub beds. The strip shall be of natural color and shall be flush with lawn grade.

Seating

- One bench shall be installed for each 60' of frontage. Benches shall be informally spaced and placed directly adjacent to the mowing strip. Benches shall be placed on a natural color concrete pad which shall be the scale dimension as the bench. The concrete pad shall be flush with the lawn. Benches shall be as manufactured by Victor Stanley or approved equal as follows:

Model UB 318-4

Specifications—Bench shall have eighteen (18) wood slats in a reverse contour design, six (6) foot in length. Wood shall be "IPE", 2" x 3" slats with leading edges of the top and bottom slat having large radius finish detail. Leg and center-brace contour bars shall be solid 3/4" thick x 3" wide steel bars. Legs shall be in-ground mount—high-tensile strength 2" square tubular steel welded directly to formed contour bar. All steel shall have "Publicote", powder-coated finish. Bench frame shall include "Unislat" bracket design complete with applicable hardware.



- Sculptural benches may be substituted for that specified, providing that the bench is executed or designed by a recognized artist and the bench is found to be appropriate to the parking design.

Trash Receptacles

- One trash receptacle shall be provided for each 150 linear feet of Ocean Boulevard frontage. Receptacles shall be placed adjacent to the Ocean Boulevard sidewalk upon a concrete pad the size of the container. Receptacles shall be as manufactured by Victor Stanley or approved, equal as follows:

Model HF-24

Specifications—Waste container to be 24 gallon capacity. There shall be 24 - 2" x 3" wood slats attached to "Publicote", powder-coated, treated, welded steel frame. Wood shall be "IPE". Each frame to consist of three (3) steel rings (1/2" x 1" flat steel), welded to eight (8) vertical rods, with eight rods across the base. Lid shall be fiberglass attached by stainless steel aircraft cable. A high density plastic liner shall be provided.

Drinking Fountain

- One drinking fountain shall be provided for each block face. Drinking fountains shall be adjacent to the Ocean Boulevard sidewalk. Drinking fountains shall be as manufactured by Haws, model number B176 concrete aggregate, with number 6610 sand trap or approved equal.
- Sculptural drinking fountains may be substituted for that specified providing that it is executed or designed by a recognized artist and is found to be appropriate to the park design.

Signage

- A sign shall be placed at the intersection of each north/south street and shall contain the following information:

Victory Park
Established in 1889
City of Long Beach

Such signs shall either be in the form of a bronze plaque, flush in the Ocean Boulevard sidewalk or as a monument sign not to exceed two feet in height (from grade) by five feet in length. Such signs shall be in concrete lettering size and styles shall be as specified by the Public Works Department.

PLANTING

- ✓ A double row of palm trees (*Washingtonia robusta*) spaced 30' on center shall be planted on either side of the Ocean Boulevard sidewalk. Palms shall be 20' in height when installed.
- ✓ The northern 75% of the park depth shall be planted in lawn. Sod is mandatory and shall consist of Hybrid Bermuda Hybrid "Marathon".
- ✓ The southern 25% of the park shall be planted and coordinated with groundcover and seasonal color beds, shrubs and trees as follows:

Groundcover perennials and seasonal color beds:

The purpose of these beds is to provide a lush, changing display of seasonal color. Although planting is to be informal, major emphasis shall be placed on coordinated mass.

Shall be evergreen and may consist of Star Jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*), Lily-of-the-Nile (*Agapanthus africanus*), Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia*), Saxifraga, (*Saxifraga umbrosa*) as well as seasonal annual color.

The minimum size for groundcover shall be flats planted a maximum of 12" on center. Perennials shall be a minimum of 1 gallon size, planted a maximum of 18" on center. Seasonal color shall be a minimum of "quarts" and planted a maximum of 12" on center.

Shrub Beds:

It is intended that the shrub beds serve as the backdrop for the groundcover and seasonal color.

Low growing shrubs are encouraged, provided there is to be strong coordination with the groundcover and seasonal color. The minimum size for shrubs is 5 gallon, maximum spacing is 3', on center shrubs shall be grouped and planted informally.

The following species are permitted: Azalea sp. Mirror Plant (*Coprosma repens*), Indian Hawthorn (*Raphiolepis indica*), Gardenia (*Gardenia* sp.) Hibiscus (*Hibiscus* sp.)

Trees:

Trees will serve as a backdrop to the park. Primary trees shall be utilized to define the end of the park space. Secondary trees shall be utilized to accentuate and to provide interest. All trees shall be informally spaced. Groupings are preferred over individual plantings.

Primary trees shall consist of Coral trees (*Erythrina caffera*) and Eucalyptus, *sideroxylen*, minimum size 60" box. A minimum of one tree shall be provided for each 35' linear feet of property line. Trees shall be informally planted in the southern 25% of the park per block.

Secondary trees shall be provided at the rate of one tree per 30' of linear frontage, informally spaced and shall be of 48" box size. Secondary trees shall consist of one or more of the following: *Albizia julibrissin*, *Melaleuca leucadendra* or *McClavey nesophilla*, *Metrosideros tomentosa*, *Ficus Rubiginosa*, *Pinus hallpensis* and *Prunus* sp. (flowering peach is strongly encouraged).

DECORATIVE LIGHTING

Uplighting on palm trees: Each of the palms in the double row of trees at the Ocean Boulevard sidewalk shall be uplighted. Single upright floodlights shall be strapped to the trunk 10 feet above grade to the specification of the Director of Public Works.

Floodlighting of shrubs: Shrubs groundcover, and seasonal color shall be lighted. All light sources shall be concealed.

REQUIRED PLANS

Prior to approval of site plan review, the applicant shall submit three sets of the following working drawings to the Director of Planning and Building:

- grading and drainage plans, which shall include the location of all architectural elements. Plans shall indicate by spot elevation, contours and drainage lines of the topography.
- complete planting plans, specify species, size and location.
- night illumination plans, specify the location and type of fixtures.
- complete irrigation plans.

MAINTENANCE

The landscaping shall be maintained to the standards as established by Public Works Department by the adjacent property owners.

These guidelines have been prepared in cooperation with the following Long Beach Departments:

✓ City Manager's Office
Community Development
Parks and Recreation
Police
Public Works

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