

City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Memorial Policy December 2018

Purpose

Thanks to our generous community, the Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department receives numerous offers of donations and requests for memorials on OSMP lands. This policy provides coordinated and consistent guidance for accepting contributions and memorials to OSMP.

Memorials and Sitting Stones

OSMP's mission is to preserve and protect the natural environment and land resources that characterize Boulder while fostering appreciation and use that sustain the natural values of the land for current and future generations. As such, management of OSMP lands is generally not focused on the opportunity to memorialize an individual. Nevertheless, requests are made to the department and they are considered on a case by case basis. Offers to donate memorials on OSMP land will be reviewed on an individual basis and decisions will be made by the department based on current and expected capacity to build and maintain the request; location; design; materials; construction and placement; as well as any plaque language. Memorials will be required to meet existing departmental objectives and must be placed in approved locations that are suitable for management of the surrounding area. Memorials will be reviewed for placement in the order in which requests are received by OSMP. Potential memorials will be added to the waiting list when a specific request is received.

Effective October 2017, OSMP recommends the installation of sitting stones over traditional memorial benches. Department staff will continue to work with community members who inquired about benches prior to October 2017 to best meet the intent of their donation. Sitting stones are more sustainable as they require less maintenance than traditional benches, last longer and better meet OSMP management goals of natural-appearing structures. Contributions for sitting stones are \$3,000 and based on the donor providing their own plaque. Memorials on sitting stones have a 10-year lifespan.