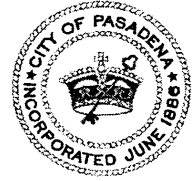




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August 2, 2012

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Ms. Siobhan Foster
Director of Public Works
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Avenue
Room N306
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Recognition Plaque for **50 PINK CLOUD CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES PLANTED THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF PASADENA IN CELEBRATION OF THE "2012 JAPAN-U.S. CHERRY BLOSSOM CENTENNIAL"**

Dear Ms. Foster,

The Pasadena Sister Cities Committee is requesting permission from the City of Pasadena to mount one bronze plaque 9" x 12" on an arroyo small boulder selected and approved by the City, ensuring the boulder is consistent with the natural feeling of the park. PSCC will bear all costs for creation, installation and any future maintenance of the plaque, if required. We would greatly appreciate the donation of the boulder/river rock from the City's yards.

We propose the plaque be flush mounted in the boulder and placed in the northwest corner of **Victory Park** among a small grove of Cherry Blossom trees. The exact placement of the boulder will be left to the discretion of the City.

The Pasadena Sister Cities Committee is a citizen diplomacy association that creates and strengthens partnerships between the City of Pasadena and international communities in the countries of Germany, Japan, Finland, Armenia and China. The purpose of the PSCC, an all-volunteer organization, is to motivate and empower private citizens, municipal officials, and business leaders to conduct long-term, mutually beneficial, sister city relationships. Each sister city program is independent and pursues the activities and partnerships that are important to their community.

In 1957 the PSCC formed a sister city relationship with Mishima, Japan. Over the last 55 years, we have developed programs in the areas of cultural exchanges, youth and education, and humanitarian support, i.e., the Japan Disaster Relief Concert of May 21, 2011, which supported the Japanese victims of the horrendous March 2011 earthquake/tsunami.

Because of our relationship with Mishima, the office of the Consulate General of Japan, Los Angeles, notified the PSCC of the availability of an unlimited number of free, bare-root, Pink Cloud Cherry Blossom trees. These trees were made available through the Huntington Botanical Gardens to recognize the "2012 Japan – U.S. Cherry Blossom Centennial". Selected cities in the Los Angeles area who have relationships with cities in Japan, were offered these trees in celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the donation from Japan of the cherry

blossom trees to cities in the United States. The 2012 trees were procured by The Huntington Botanical Gardens, to commemorate the Centennial. PSCC contacted the Mayor's office to determine the number of trees the City wished to plant. The City requested PSCC acquire 50 trees from the Huntington, to be planted throughout the City.

A delegation of 30 officials, including the new Mayor of Mishima, will be coming to Pasadena September/October 2012 timeframe to celebrate the 55th anniversary of our sister city relationship. As part of that celebration, the PSCC would like to dedicate this monument, with officials from the Cities of Pasadena and Mishima, the Huntington Botanical Gardens, and the Consulate General of Japan, Los Angeles.

We have reviewed the City's Park Monument Policy, and believe we meet the City's criteria as explained below:

Appropriateness: The plaque recognizes the Huntington for its generous gift of Cherry Blossom trees to the City of Pasadena

Compatibility: The plaque and the boulder will blend in with the natural surroundings in the park.

Impact on Park Use: The boulder will become part of the enjoyment of the park and will be placed by the City in a manner that will add to aesthetics of the park.

Aesthetics: The high quality plaque will blend harmoniously with the Boulder and be surrounded by the Cherry trees.

Maintenance: The plaque will require no maintenance. Should the plaque ever be damaged PSCC will assume full responsibility for its repair.

Safety: The plaque will not have any sharp edges, loose parts, or other safety hazards.

PSCC appreciates your consideration of our request and remains flexible and happy to incorporate any further suggestions from the City. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at email marcia8660@sbcglobal.net or by phone 626-345-0676.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marcia Montez, President
Pasadena Sister Cities Committee

Enclosure
Plaque Wording for Victory Park



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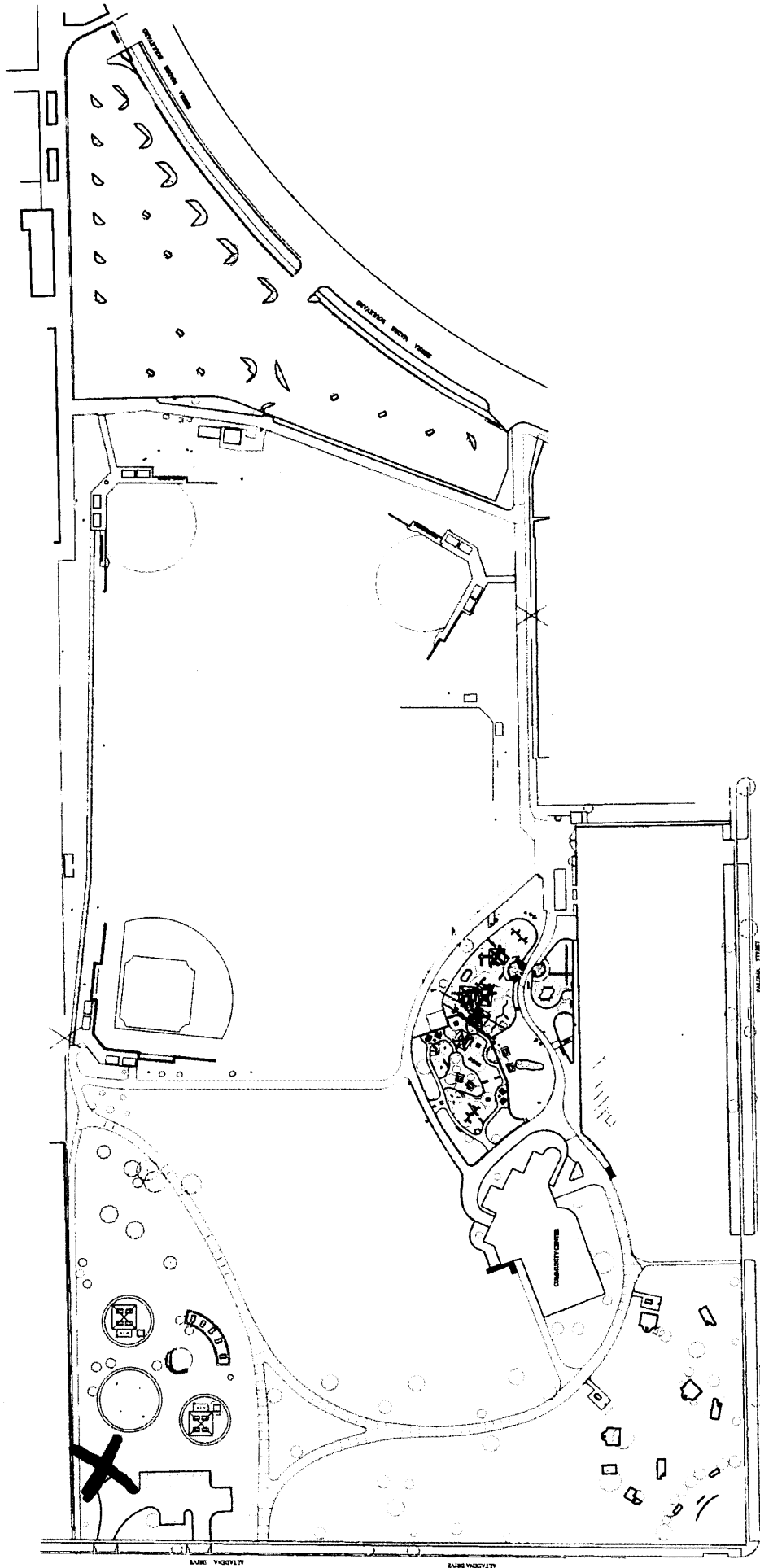


THANKS
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
FOR THE GIFT OF
CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES

CELEBRATING
"2012 JAPAN-U.S. CHERRY BLOSSOM CENTENNIAL"

DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 2012

(Wording and design for the 9-inch by 12-inch plaque on Victory Park boulder)



VICTORY PARK

