



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	June 12, 2023
Department:	Public Space and Sustainability
Agenda Section:	Consent
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Stephanie Trueblood, Public Space and Sustainability Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Proposed location for Mariah G. McPherson Memorial Bench

Attachments:

Proposed Location: Photos

Summary:

When the Nash Street sidewalk was built the town board discussed placing a memorial bench to recognize the efforts of community member Mariah G. McPherson, who advocated for a safe sidewalk system for school children on Nash Street. The bench was not installed as part of the sidewalk project. Several years ago, the idea re-emerged. Numerous potential sites were investigated on Nash and Hayes streets. Finding a location has been difficult for several reasons. Nash Street is a state road and the right-of-way along Nash Street is narrow. There are numerous utility conflicts in the right-of-way along Nash Street. Significant topography is present on the back side of the sidewalk along Nash Street. Also, staff tries to avoid placing benches directly in front of homes, which limits options.

Recently, staff has identified a location on Union Street near Hillsborough Elementary that is suitable for the bench. Staff talked with the school administration, and they expressed support for the bench. Public Works has verified that they can install a small concrete pad and the memorial bench at this spot.

Financial impacts:

None

Staff recommendation and comments:

None

Action requested:

Approve proposed location for Mariah G. McPherson Memorial Bench.