

Charles James Kirk Memorial Bench



Lake Havasu Memorial Walkway

Following Charlie's tragic assassination, members of the community expressed a strong desire to create a permanent memorial in his honor. Initial discussions included commissioning a bronze statue; however, estimated costs for such a project exceed \$150,000 and over 200K with landscaping. To provide a meaningful yet fiscally responsible alternative, the Charles James Kirk Memorial Bench was designed as a permanent public tribute at an estimated project cost of ~\$62,000 with landscaping and beautification along the walkway. Creating a lasting tribute that honors Charlie's life and provides a meaningful space for reflection, remembrance, community gathering and to always "Keep Talking". The project has received overwhelming support from community members and stakeholders.

The Charles James Kirk Memorial Bench will include:

- A custom designed bench constructed of durable, weather-resistant materials, with a cutout silhouette of Charlie holding a microphone.
- The word "FREEDOM" is cutout across the top of the canopy.
- Multiple characters also surround the bench as if listening to Charlie.
- Appropriate anchoring and installation for public safety and longevity.
- Landscaping includes 1,700 sq ft. synthetic turf along the walkway with scattered boulders.
- 1,100 sq ft. Concrete Driveway with Safety Parking Bollards.

The memorial bench is designed to:

- Complement the aesthetics of the Memorial Walkway.
- Meet city safety and accessibility standards.
- Require minimal ongoing maintenance.

"Keep Talking"