

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 2015**

04/23/15-5 Consider Traffic Calming Measures at Valley Drive/Oak Avenue/35th Street

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave his presentation and recommended that the Commission approve a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the installation of a temporary single point intersection with a center median island (Concept G) at the intersection of Valley Drive/Oak Avenue/35th Street on a trial basis.

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

Bob Ives, 3609 Oak Ave., said he was confused on what was trying to be accomplished. He explained that there has never been an accident at that intersection. He said he agreed with the residents who live at Ross Manhattan Terrace Senior Apartments that it is very hard to get out of their driveway onto Valley Drive, but the changes that are suggested look like gridlock and very confusing and will not do anything to help the senior apartments.

Anne Rose, 3525 Elm Ave., stated she is against a stop sign and felt the city needs to work with the Ross Manhattan Terrace Senior Apartments to try and increase the visibility to make it safer for them to exit their driveway.

James R. Gill, 3017 Valley Drive, commented that he was not even aware of the issue and thought the City should do better on notification to the residents. He said he was not in favor of a stop sign or anything that kept the intersection from being free flowing. He explained that he does want to see something done to help with the visibility for the seniors to exit their driveway. He said he liked the left turn and thought signage would help.

Fran Schiff, 3504 Pine Ave., said she is not in favor of a stop sign, but she did like some of the ideas presented by Traffic Engineer Zandvliet.

Bonney Larson, 3524 Elm Ave., said she is not in favor of a stop sign because it would back up traffic and cause to many other problems.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner King said it seemed that most of the residents are not in favor of a stop sign, but are in favor of the left hand turn lane and the center median.

Commissioner Apostol agreed with Commissioner King about the left hand turn lane and the center median.

Chair Nicholson stated he felt there wasn't enough being discussed to help the seniors exiting their driveway safely. He said he wanted to be sure that whichever concept the Commission decides on, it will help them.

The Commissioners and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet discussed different elements within Concepts A-G provided by Traffic Engineer Zandvliet. All the Commissioners agreed to use several measures from Concepts A-G to help with the traffic calming on Valley Drive.

MOTION: Chair Nicholson made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the installation of the following: a crosswalk at Oak Avenue/35th Street, a curb bump out near the Ross Manhattan Terrace, a northbound left hand turn lane at Valley Drive to Oak Avenue, a center median from Sepulveda Boulevard to Oak Avenue and a speed awareness sign on Valley Drive on a trial basis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner King.

Ayes:	King, Apostol and Nicholson.
Noes:	None.
Abstain:	None.
Absent:	Lipps and Fournier.