

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
August 27, 2015**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 27th day of August 2015, at the hour of 6:32 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Silverman, King, Nicholson, Fournier and Lipps.
Absent: None.
Staff Present: Traffic Engineer Zandvliet.
Clerk: Kozak.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

08/27/15-1 June 11, 2015

08/27/15-2 June 25, 2015

Approved with no corrections.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation (3-Minute Limit).

Karen Darling, 441 9th Street, asked if there is a way to allow the public to speak after the Commissioners have had their "Commission Discussion", because sometimes the public may have additional comments, questions or suggestions to the issue and they should be heard. She also asked about increasing the number of parking permits per household that residents could apply for, to a quantity of four.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained the decision to reopen the public comment for items on the agenda is up to the Chair's discretion.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered Karen Darling's question on the Downtown Resident Override Parking Program permit limits. He stated that requests for additional permits would be reviewed on a case by case basis and that visitor and Holiday parking permits are available to residents at no cost upon written request.

Mark Shoemaker, 600 Poinsettia, asked about the status and the process for the Gelson's project, and when the development would be ready for public review.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered that the City had not yet received a completed application. He then explained the application process after it has been received by the City.

Barry Fisher, Manhattan Beach Resident, stated that there had been multiple new signs placed on Sepulveda Blvd. restricting turns into his place of business and other businesses. He asked if Caltrans is required to notify the City prior to making those types of changes.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that Sepulveda Boulevard is in Caltrans' jurisdiction, and they make those decisions without consulting the City. He explained that he submitted a request to Caltrans to review their decision and to provide justification to the City for the restrictions. If there is insufficient justification, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he would request removal of the signs, but ultimately it remains Caltrans' decision.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

08/27/15-3 Consider a Request for Resident Permit Parking Restrictions on the 500-600 Blocks of 18th Street

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave his presentation and recommended that the Commission approve a motion to post "2-HOUR PARKING 7AM-8PM VEHICLES WITH TAGS EXEMPTED" restrictions on 18th Street between Ardmore Avenue and 635/636 Ardmore Avenue.

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

Jim Orland, 660 18th Street, stated he was opposed to the request. He explained there are many Downtown employees, construction workers and visitors already parking in front of his house. Permit parking for just part of 18th Street would make the situation even worse. He said if permit parking is approved, it should be for the whole street.

Nancy Miller, 649 18th Street, said she had just found out about the request for the permit parking and she was surprised to hear it was only for part of 18th Street. She felt there needed to be more research to determine if the permits are really needed and she was opposed to the proposed request.

Lyle Boarts, 659 18th Street, stated he had just heard about the meeting from one of his neighbors the day before and felt there should have been better notification to the neighborhood. He thought this request was not the solution and the City should not move forward.

Jon Sargent, 645 18th Street, expressed his disappointment that the whole street was not included in the petition. He said the two hour parking limit will create more traffic because the people will just move their cars a few feet to another spot. He was opposed to the request.

Jon Resin & Wendy Resin, 655 18th Street, expressed that the issue has brought a negative tone to the whole block. Jon Resin explained that the Badminton Club does increase the parking on their street but he did not feel that was the problem. He closed by saying he felt the notification to the neighborhood should be given to all that would be affected, and he is strongly against the request.

Gene Hanbeck, Badminton Club Representative, said the change to the parking would create even more of a problem for the Club. He said its membership is opposed to the change.

Dr. Richard E. Rose, Badminton Club Representative, explained that the Badminton Club has been at that location for over 79 years, and they are known worldwide. He stated that when the Club has tournaments, they try to work with the neighborhood on the additional parking on the street. He said the Badminton Club is clearly against the request because of how it would impact the Club.

James Segil, 610 18th Street, said he is building his house on 18th Street and wanted to know how the construction vehicles would have access to street parking. He thought it made sense to include everyone on the street in the petition process.

Lee Kissel, 619 18th Street, stated that the parking issue has been around for quite some time and felt there was an error made by not including the entire street in the petition. He asked Commission to wait on any decision until the entire street was included. He expressed that the Badminton Club should be accommodated with some type of parking when they have tournaments, but not every day.

Ann Bartel, 624 19th Street, said she was opposed to the request because it will just push the parking issues onto other streets and will not solve the problem.

Ruth Siltanen, 615 17th Street, stated there should be a comprehensive plan and better notification to the residents on the streets that will be affected and impacted, because now all it is doing is dividing the neighborhood and pitting street against street.

John Devereane, 610 17th Street, agreed with Ruth Siltanen the prior speaker on her comments and said there should be a comprehensive plan that includes the

Badminton Club, Live Oak Park, the Joslyn Center as well as the employees that need to park.

Cathy Kissel, 619 18th Street, commented that she had attended the last meeting and there was discussion about not doing the band aid approach because it just pushes the problems over to other streets. She asked if the Commission has come up with any solutions to the parking problems.

Karen Darling, 441 9th Street, stated that her neighborhood had the same problem with pitting neighbors against neighbors and streets against streets with the parking restrictions in the Hill Section that directly affected the Sand Section. She felt it needs to stop and the Commission needs to rethink the parking problems and issues that are affecting our town.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lipps said that he agreed with the statement that this issue cannot be resolved tonight without the input from all the residents on 18th Street, but even then it is not solving the problem by pushing parking over to the other streets. He stated that the City needs to focus on coming up with a long term solution.

Commissioner King asked Traffic Engineer Zandvliet to comment on parking for construction trucks and vehicles.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that the owners can apply for parking permits and give them to their contractors, and that the contractors can also apply for a construction loading/parking zone in front of the site.

Commissioner Silverman commented that notification was an issue and the whole block should be included in the process and he was not ready to make a decision on this issue until that happened. He suggested a pilot project for maybe a year to see how it worked for the street and the residents.

Commissioner King stated he agreed with Commissioners Lipps and Silverman about postponement on the request because more information is needed from the residents on the whole street as well as the Badminton Club.

Chair Nicholson expressed that all the residents should be a part of the process and he needed more information on the parking requirements of the Badminton Club before making a decision.

Chair Nicholson said that he agreed with his fellow Commissioners that this request would probably be continued to another meeting for all of the reasons referenced by the other Commissioners. He said this is an ongoing issue.

Chair Nicholson agreed with Commissioner Silverman that a pilot project for a period of six months would be helpful. He also said it is a very frustrating issue for him as a Commissioner to try and come up with a solution to the Downtown parking problem. He thought there needs to be more input from the business owners as well as the City Council.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained why the Downtown Residential Override Parking Program was started as a way to discourage employee parking in the residential neighborhood.

MOTION: Commissioner King motioned to continue the item to the next meeting so all the residents that live on 17th, 18th and 19th Streets will receive notification and be able to attend the next meeting to voice their opinions as well as to gather more information about the Badminton Club. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fournier.

Ayes: Silverman, King, and Fournier.

Noes: Lipps and Nicholson.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

F. OTHER ITEMS

08/27/15-4 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports: Receive and File

Received and Filed.

08/27/15-5 Commission Items

Commissioner King asked if the Chair change would be next month, and asked the status of the 6:00pm PPIC Meeting start time.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered that the Chair change will be at next month's meeting, and the 6:00pm PPIC Meeting start time will be considered in conjunction with an update in the Boards and Commissioner Handbook.

Chair Nicholson asked about the status of relocating the low emissions vehicle parking spaces that are currently in front of the Library.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that the spaces have not been relocated because he has to get a determination from LEED officials whether the new Electric Vehicle spaces in the lower level of the Civic Center parking structure would qualify.

Chair Nicholson asked if there was any information on the signal timing issue for the left turn lane at Highland Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he had to submit his request to the County with revised timing plan recommendations.

Commissioner Silverman expressed the need for a parking study to be done to address all of the serious issues related to the parking problems in the residential neighborhoods as well as the lack of parking in Downtown.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet stated the Downtown ULI Report will have a chapter specifically reserved for Downtown parking that will have some information that may help with the parking issues in Downtown.

Commissioner Fournier had four items; first was to request additional Police presence on Marine because of constant speeding. He explained that several residents had reported to him that a couple of pets had been killed by speeding cars. His second item was that he had concerns that some parking meters are not in working order and not being maintained. Third, he asked when the Valet Program will be started up again. His last item was that Police enforcement is needed to require the Taxicabs that use the Taxi Lane by Shellback to follow the taxicab rules.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he would ask for more Police presence and consider additional speed limit signs on Marine Avenue. Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that parking meters are maintained on a complaint basis only. He added he would look into initiating a maintenance program. He then explained the status of the Valet Parking Program Zone and said the expanded valet program may be started up again only for the existing locations, until a decision is made by the Coastal Commission regarding the two new proposed locations. To Commissioner Fournier's last item, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he would notify the Police Department to enforce Taxicab violations.

08/27/15-6 Staff Follow-up Items

None.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **8:30 p.m.** to the regular Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.