

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
FINAL MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
February 26, 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 26th day of February, 2015, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: King, Lipps, Fournier and Apostol.
Absent: Nicholson.
Staff Present: Traffic Engineer Zandvliet.
Clerk: Kozak.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

02/26/15-1 December 4, 2014

02/26/15-2 January 22, 2015

Approved with no corrections.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Lipps opened the Audience Participation (3-Minute Limit)

Timothy Hogan, Manhattan Beach Resident, explained that he had received a ticket and in his opinion it was not fair or valid and wanted it dismissed. He said he was issued a ticket for parking his scooter on Ocean Drive where other vehicles were parked in the same position and they didn't receive tickets.

Commissioner Fournier explained that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission has no authority to dismiss a Parking Ticket.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet stated that he would evaluate the parking signs and enforcement policy and bring the information back to the Commission.

Chair Lipps closed the Audience Participation.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/26/15-3 Consider a Request to Remove "No Parking 9am to 11pm" Parking Restrictions to 1535 Artesia Boulevard

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave his presentation and recommended that the Commission approve a motion to remove the "No Parking 9am to 11pm" parking restrictions adjacent to 1535 Artesia Boulevard, and to paint a 20 foot long red curb east of the westerly driveway to Artesia Boulevard.

Commissioner Fournier asked if the primary reason for the change was for safety because of the line of sight and speed.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that the primary reason was the curve in the road that made it hard to see approaching traffic.

Commissioner Apostol asked if there will be enough room for one parking space after the red curb was painted.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered that there will be two parking spaces.

Commissioner King asked if the Masonic Lodge was asked to paint "Enter and Exit" on their driveway.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that it is private property and they are not required to do that, but they could be asked.

Chair Lipps opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

Ralph Kussner, for Beach Cities Masonic Lodge, explained that drivers exiting the Lodge could not see the oncoming traffic when trying to exit, making it dangerous. He said he did feel bad for the condo owners losing a parking space but he felt there should be no parking next to the driveway.

Patricia Goode, 1529 Artesia Boulevard, stated she was one of the condo owners and felt there should have been more outreach for their input on the issue. She said that most of the driveways along the street had the same issue and thought maybe the Masonic Lodge could post signs to be careful when exiting.

Cody Green, 1529 Artesia Boulevard, asked that the parking be returned to its original condition at the location. He expressed the lack of parking for the residents is a problem. He said he felt there was not an issue with the sight problem.

Chair Lipps closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner King commented that he thought all the signs about the parking limitations were confusing, but he did like that the residents were getting two parking spaces back.

Commissioner Apostol agreed with Commissioner King in regards to gaining two parking spaces.

Commissioner Fournier stated he thought the intersection adjacent to the driveway is dangerous and there is a safety concern for drivers, and was in favor of staff's opinion and recommendation.

Chair Lipps said he was in favor of staff's recommendation and liked that two parking spaces were being added back to the street. Chair Lipps added that in the future staff needs to let the community know when there is going to be a parking change that could be affecting their neighborhood.

MOTION: Commissioner Fournier made a motion to approve the removal of the "No Parking 9am to 11pm" parking restrictions adjacent to 1535 Artesia Boulevard, and to paint a 20 foot long red curb east of the westerly driveway to Artesia Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Apostol.

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

02/26/15-4 Consider a Request to Rename Park Way to Marriott Drive

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet recommended that the Commission approve a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution renaming Park Way to Marriott Drive.

Chair Lipps opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

Jeff Hart, the General Manager of the Manhattan Beach Marriott, thanked the Commissioners for listening and considering the request. He explained that the street name sign that is currently in place is not correct and will need to be replaced in the future. He said a lot of the guests that come to stay at the Marriott miss the turn to the street, which results in guests having to make a U-turn to come back to the hotel. He stated that since the sign would need to be replaced it would be a good time to change the sign to Marriott Drive which would help with the visibility of the Marriott's location

and lessen the traffic on Rosecrans Avenue. Mr. Hart said the Marriott would be willing to pick up the charges for the sign change.

Chair Lipps closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Fournier stated he was conflicted because he is very thankful for everything the Marriott has done for the City, but he felt that it is a privilege to have a street named for a business. He said his fellow Commissioners input would help him with his decision.

Commissioner King commented that since there were not any other businesses affected by the name change and there weren't any objections from the Country Club he thought it would be fine.

Commissioner Apostol said he agreed with Commissioner King and thought that it really isn't that big of a deal because it won't impact any other businesses, so he stated he would be in support of the name change.

Commissioner Lipps said it was an easy decision for him and he was in favor of the name change. He explained since there are no addresses involved and it does not affect any other businesses, and the Marriott has agreed to pay for the sign it should be a simple change.

MOTION: Commissioner King made a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution to approve renaming Park Way to Marriott Drive. The motion was seconded by Chair Lipps.

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

F. OTHER ITEMS

02/26/15-5 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports: Receive and File.

Received and Filed.

02/26/15-6 Commission Items

Commissioner King asked when the City Council would be voting on the PPIC. meeting time change to 6:00pm.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered that the item is still in the approval process

because other city meeting times may be changed, too.

Commissioner King and Commissioner Fournier asked about the process of how Information is brought to the PPIC pertaining to changes or improvements to sidewalks and streets. Both Commissioners felt that the Commission should have knowledge of such changes or improvements.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he would have Public Works come to a meeting and discuss it with the Commission.

Commissioner Fournier expressed that he was encouraged by seeing all of the electric cars and golf carts driving in the city and asked the Commissioners what they thought about allowing them to have free parking.

The Commissioners all thought it was a good idea.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he would place it on the agenda.

02/26/15-7 Staff Follow-up Items

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the recommendations for stop signs at John and 8th Street and John and 9th Street will be going before the City Council at their next meeting on March 4th, and the Valley-Oak and 35th Street stop sign is going under General Business and discussion at the same meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **8:00 p.m.** to the regular Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting on Thursday, March 26 2015, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.