

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION  
DRAFT MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
January 22, 2015**

**01/22/15-2 Request for All-Way Stop Signs at 8th Street and John Street**

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave his presentation and recommended that the Commission approve a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution to install stop signs in all directions at the intersection of 8th Street and John Street.

After a few clarifying questions, Chair Nicholson opened the audience participation.

**Audience Participation**

**Melinda Bath, 881 8th Street**, said she was not in favor of the stop signs or against them, but she asked that there be more evaluation before anything is done.

**Amanda Luftman, 853 9th Street**, explained that just that morning she and her eight year old daughter almost got hit by a truck that was not breaking any laws, but the driver just could not see them. She said they take the "Walking School Bus" route on John Street every morning. She ask the Commission to please approve the four way stop at 8th Street and John Street to keep the street safe and help preserve the charm of the neighborhood that encourages people to walk to school, jog and ride bikes.

**Charlyn Naylor, 872 8th Street**, stated that she was at the meeting to support the four way stop signs.

**Ron Kripalani, 815 John Street**, said he is strongly in favor of both stop signs because of the restricted sight lines and speeding.

**Jim Keller, 808 John Street**, said he is strongly in favor of both stop signs at John Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and sees no negative impact to anyone.

**Maurice Suh & Kate Suh (Daughter), 865 8th Street**, explained that it is not just a sight line problem, but a safety issue as well because of the speeding cars. A speeding car had hit his house. He felt there is no need to spend money on a traffic study. His young daughter Kate asked for the stop signs.

**Kristy Jones, 864 11th Street**, said she wanted to add her support for the stop signs and felt they are needed for the safety of all the children that use that "Walking School Bus" route.

Chair Nicholson closed the audience participation.

## **Commission Discussion**

Commissioner King asked Lt. Harrod of the Manhattan Beach Police Department how John Street became a designated "Walking School Bus" route.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered and explained that when the "Walking School Bus" route on John Street was reviewed, there were different factors used, such as traffic volume, sidewalks and where the crossing guards were located.

Commissioner Lipps explained that there is a sight line issue as well as a safety issue and he is in favor of the stop signs.

Commissioner Apostol agreed that there is a sight line issue and a safety issue to even see the stop signs.

**MOTION:** Chair Nicholson made a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution to install stop signs in all directions at the intersection of 8th Street and John Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Apostol.

Ayes: King, Lipps, Nicholson, and Apostol.

Noes: Fournier.

Abstain: None.