

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2016**

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 28th day of January 2016, at the hour of 6:34 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Lipps, Delk, King, Nicholson.
Absent: Fournier.
Staff Present: Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet.
Clerk: Angela Soo.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION: Commissioner Nicholson made a motion to approve the minutes with no corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Delk.

Ayes: Nicholson, Chairman Lipps, King, Delk.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Fournier.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chairman Lipps opened the Audience Participation (3-Minute Limit).

Fred Manna, 704 30th Street, said the crosswalk in front of Uncle Bill's is unsafe and suggested installing standup pedestrian signs similar to in front of Joslyn Center. He said the signs are more visible and would encourage drivers to slow down. He also pointed out the inconsistent shape and placement of street signs in the Tree Section. He recommended standup pole signs located on consistent corners.

Chairman Lipps voiced agreement with Mr. Manna's suggestions.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the neighborhood may sponsor an obelisk sign and have it repainted with the reflective sign; but the standard sign is a flag sign on a

pole. He suggested making a request to Public Works Department to replace a hard-to-read sign with a standard sign.

Chairman Lipps closed the Audience Participation.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

01/28/16-2 Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) Living Streets Presentation

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet invited Fred Manna and Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) to give their presentation on Living Streets, and also mentioned the Planning Commission received the same presentation the night before.

Mr. Manna, a Blue Zones Livability Committee member, introduced himself and read the Committee's mission statement. Mr. Manna proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation and clarified that Living Streets feature wider sidewalks, well-marked crossing and bicycle paths, shrubbery and other beautification elements that draw people to the area. He said the key objective is to make streets multi-modal (pedestrian, bicycle and automobile friendly) where appropriate.

Jacqueline Sun of BCHD continued the presentation by defining Living Streets, explaining its importance and how to implement Living Streets concepts in the City. She pointed out the timeliness of the City's current draft Mobility Plan.

Ms. Sun and Mr. Manna explained the difference between Complete Streets and Living Streets, the efficiency of roundabouts, integration of public art, bike corrals, and walk streets.

The Commissioners asked the presenters questions about street widths and other Living Streets elements, including roundabouts, bike lanes and streetscaping. The Commissioners, staff and presenters discussed policies, implementation steps and how Living Streets relates to the Mobility Plan and capital improvement projects.

F. OTHER ITEMS

01/28/16-3 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports: Receive and File

Received and Filed.

01/28/16-4 Commission Items

Commissioner Nicholson said several residents expressed concern over parking and traffic flow with the Gelson's project.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet provided an update on the Gelson's project and said the developer is continuing to secure additional parking spaces. The City and Caltrans

are reviewing the development and related studies. There will be several opportunities to impose further requirements. He expects the item will go to City Council in June.

In response to Chairman Lipps, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet confirmed the developers did buy the property.

Commissioner King requested an update on the mall.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the project is moving forward, but the mall has not submitted for building plan check. They have submitted street improvement plans for deceleration lanes on Sepulveda Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue. The developers want to make sure the infrastructure is in place and secure upfront costs before submitting for plan check. He added they are proceeding at their own risk, as lawsuits are still pending.

01/28/16-5 Staff Follow-Up Items

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the 6pm meeting start time is still pending and would go into effect once the revised Boards and Commission Handbook is approved by City Council.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the FishBar crossing at Highland Avenue and 38th Street is being designed by an engineering consultant. The same consultant is also designing a westbound bike lane on Rosecrans Avenue between Highland Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue. The two projects will be packaged together.

In response to inquiries from Chairman Lipps, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet provided a status update of the white lines on Ocean Drive and said he is currently laying out the striping. He also said there were no new updates on the hotel proposal at Rosecrans Avenue/Highland Avenue.

In response to questions from Chairman Lipps regarding the Downtown Valet, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded that if an approved valet location is not used within one year of approval, the authorization expires. However, previously approved locations could still serve as potential future sites.

In response to Commissioner King on the same issue, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he was not sure if an appellant/applicant drops an appeal to the Coastal Commission, the application can then be subsequently withdrawn. The Commission staff report identified some potential concerns that possibly may not be ignored now that they have been raised.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **7:42 p.m.** to the regular Parking and Public

Improvements Commission Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue.