

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
July 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 July 2016, 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: Chairman Lipps, Delk, King, Fournier.
Absent: Nicholson.
Staff Present: Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet.
Clerk: Angela Soo.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Steve De Baets, 1350 18th Street, said at the last meeting he requested review of recent red zones installations, especially near Joslyn Center where it affects the senior visitors.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he will provide the report at an upcoming meeting.

Scott Yanofsky, resident of more than 30 years, commented on parking issues in Manhattan Beach and is especially concerned with the Gelson's site. He explained the developer is requesting a variance to reduce the code parking requirements. He gave as an example the inadequate parking provided by the Wells Fargo Bank on the corner of Manhattan Beach and Sepulveda boulevards. He urged

the PPIC to carefully examine any code changes that would affect parking requirements and to ensure developers provide enough spaces.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said parking requirements are usually under the purview of the Planning Commission, though the City Council may request the PPIC review specific cases.

Chairman Lipps closed Audience Participation.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

7/28/16-2 Consider Expansion of Resident Permit Zone on 13th Street between Church Street and Laurel Avenue

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet summarized the staff report.

Chairman Lipps opened Audience Participation.

Tony Micu, 5 Laurel Square, said people park near the park and will leave their cars until parking enforcement is called upon to cite them. The problem then gets pushed farther down the street. He also noted many of the apartment units do not have garages.

Barbara Landon, 720 13th Street, said she must search for parking except on Church Street where she would get a ticket. She read comments from Mr. Urich, who could not attend, that stated his support for expanding the parking permit area.

Kenneth Thompson, 720 13th Street, remarked on the complete failure of Manhattan Beach businesses and City officials to develop an effective solution. Fees are imposed on the residents, which affects their quality of life. He concluded by expressing his support for the expanded permit area.

Mr. Yanofsky, returned to the podium and said the Planning Commission should examine these parking issues and do what it can to preserve a small community.

Marc Missioreck 4 Laurel Square, said nearby construction projects, the church, Bike Tour, AVP and other events all contribute to the parking problem. He was disappointed at the process where neighbors did not approach other neighbors immediately affected by the parking permit program. It should be a requirement for a petitioner to notify all association members. He asked for clarification on the parking hours, specifically if a person can park from 6:01 p.m. – 8:59 a.m. without violating the hours. He questioned why that should be allowed.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the restriction was intended to regulate daytime hours, not evening, so that residents could park their cars after work without worrying about moving them afterwards.

Chairman Lipps closed Audience Participation.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Chairman Lipps reiterated the importance of notifying neighbors. He explained the noticing that the City conducts for the permit petition process.

Commissioner Delk said he understands the desire to extend the two-hour parking time limit, but the difficulty is knowing where to stop.

Chairman Lipps called upon the public to come up with solutions.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the Downtown Specific Plan supports long-term solutions that address the root of the problem instead of just dealing with the symptoms.

Commissioner Fournier said he is pleased with the group of people coming together and understanding each other better. He stressed the importance of proper notification.

MOTION: Commissioner King made a motion to expand the Resident Permit Zone on 13th Street between Church Street and Laurel Avenue. The motion was seconded by Chairman Lipps.

Ayes: Delk, King, Chairperson Lipps, Fournier.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Nicholson.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet noted that enforcement will begin once the signs are installed, but only warning will be issued for the first month, not actual citations.

F. OTHER ITEMS

07/28/16-3 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports: Receive and File

Received and Filed.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained the financial reports which now include further detailed breakdowns. He also explained to Commissioner Delk the reasons why it would be difficult for the Downtown area to have a parking program because it is located in the Coastal Area where equal access to parking must be provided.

07/28/16-4 Commissioner Items

Chairman Lipps said an employee complained about not being able to find a parking spot using the Merchant parking permits.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the City oversubscribes the number of permits in order to avoid having empty parking spaces, so spaces are not guaranteed.

Commissioner Fournier asked about the process of changing the parking hours in Downtown to three-hour parking, instead of two hours.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said that could be included in the planned update to the Downtown Parking Management Plan, which could also propose a shuttle and/or employee parking to relieve parking demand in the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Fournier asked if increasing the Downtown parking hours can be brought forth as separate item, instead of an addendum.

Commissioner King supports increasing the hours, but noted that different kinds of businesses have different parking needs throughout the day. He gave the example of a salon versus a restaurant.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he will look into the possibility of a separate item.

07/28/16-5 Staff Follow-Up Items

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said he did not have any follow up items, but will look into the red zone installations along Ardmore Avenue. His evaluation may be sent as an informational memo.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave an update on the mall and said the developer is moving forward with the first phase of expansion and the lawsuit is still pending.

In response to a question from Chairman Lipps, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said Macy's is not downsizing their store due to the economy because there is not another Macy's nearby.

In response to a question from Commissioner Delk, Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the Marriott is continuing with its renovation and the street name has been changed.

Lipps adjourned the meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **7:22 p.m.** to the regular Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2016, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.