

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
April 24, 2014**

**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 24th day of April 2014, at the hour of 6:33 P.M., in the Police/Fire Community Room, 400/420 15th Street, in said City.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Stabile, Nicholson, Fournier and Adami.  
Absent: Lipps.  
Staff Present: Traffic Engineer Zandvliet, Senior Management Analyst Madrid.  
Clerk: Kozak.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**04/24/14-1 March 27, 2014**

Approved with no corrections.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Adami moved to approve the Parking and Public Improvements Commission minutes of March 27, 2014. The motion was seconded by Chair Fournier and passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Adami and Fournier.  
Noes: None.  
Abstain: Nicholson and Stabile.  
Absent: Lipps.

**D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**E. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**04/24/14-2 Consider Pedestrian Crossing and Speed Reduction Measures at Ardmore Avenue and Flournoy Road (Continued from February 27, 2014)**

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave a presentation and recommended installation of an electronic speed awareness sign and various pedestrian crossing enhancements subject to adoption of the final Mobility Plan Update.

Commissioner Nicholson stated he liked the recommendations proposed by Staff. He asked how the recommendations would be implemented and thought that the City could start by trimming back the foliage at the location for better visibility.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that because the crossing enhancements do require funding in the Capital Improvement Program and would need to be prioritized as part of the Mobility Plan. He said that trimming back the foliage is something the City could do now.

Commissioner Adami asked if the speed limit along this segment of Ardmore Avenue could be lowered.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that it can't be lowered at this time.

Chair Fournier inquired about the placement location of the speed awareness sign and future maintenance of the foliage so the over growth does not block the line of sight.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet stated that there is not a specific location at this time for the electronic sign and that the Commission may provide direction on the maintenance schedule of the foliage.

Chair Fournier then opened the Audience Participation.

### **Audience Participation**

**Amy Brantly, Applicant**, 2212 N. Ardmore Ave., stated her main concerns were pedestrian visibility, especially the children and the speed of the cars. She asked what the timeline was for the Mobility Plan and inquired about the accuracy of the number of children who used that crossing when walking to school because the pedestrian counts were performed during Spring Break when there would have been less children crossing. She thanked the Commissioners for their time and consideration.

Management Analyst Madrid responded that the Mobility Plan would be going to the City Council in June with final adoption tentatively scheduled for Fall 2014.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded that the pedestrian counts were performed when American Martyrs School students were not on Spring Break, and those are the school children that use that route most frequently.

**Emmee Sarmiento, Co-Applicant**, Manhattan Beach Resident, stated that many parents do not cross on Ardmore Avenue at Flournoy Road when walking their children to school because of the safety issue when crossing and her other concern was the speed limit.

**Ben Ferguson**, Manhattan Beach Resident, wanted to know when the pedestrian enhancements would be installed if they are approved in the Mobility Plan.

**Philip Piliero**, 1944 N. Ardmore Ave., stated his concern is the absence of police enforcement issuing citations for speeding violations, and that since the speed limit was raised from 30 MPH to 35 MPH the speeding has increased.

**Susan Moffat**, 1948 N. Ardmore Ave., seconded Mr. Piliero's comments and that motorists are driving at least 20 to 25 MPH over the speed limit. She added that there is also a fire hydrant on the southeast corner of Flournoy Road and Ardmore Avenue that prohibits disabled access to the sidewalk and asked that it be addressed in the Mobility Plan.

Chair Fournier closed the Audience Participation.

### **Commission Discussion**

Commissioner Nicholson inquired about the timeline for the proposed pedestrian enhancements.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded that the enhancements would be prioritized and approved through the Mobility Plan and could take up to two years to be completed.

Commissioner Adami asked why the speed limit has been changed so many times at that location.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that the State guidelines have changed; therefore, changing the way the Engineering and Traffic Survey is prepared.

Commissioner Stabile asked if the other Commissioners agreed with the pedestrian crossing enhancements that have been recommended.

Chair Fournier stated his concern was that the line of sight at the location is a safety issue. He stated that when driving southbound on Ardmore Avenue, there isn't anything to warn motorists that a pedestrian may be crossing at that location. He felt the recommended plan addressed the issue of safety for both pedestrians and motorists.

Commissioner Stabile asked Traffic Engineer Zandvliet about the timeline to install a crosswalk across Flournoy Road at Ardmore Avenue where there is a stop sign.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded that a crosswalk on Flournoy Road could be installed following City Council's approval.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Stabile made a motion to adopt all of the elements included on Exhibit Six of the staff report, with the exception of the crosswalk across Ardmore Avenue, and, in addition, the Commission recommends the installation of a speed awareness sign on Ardmore Avenue at a location or locations to be selected by Staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Stabile, Nicholson, Adami and Chair Fournier.

Noes: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Lipps

**04/24/14-3 On-Street 10 Minute Parking Space on the South Side of Rosecrans Avenue**

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave a presentation on the newly installed 10 minute parking space on Rosecrans Avenue.

Commissioner Stabile asked how the 10 minute parking space would be monitored by the City if it was no longer required.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered that it would be monitored the same way current on-street disabled parking spaces are monitored.

Commissioner Nicholson asked if there were any other locations in the City that a 10 minute parking space has been installed to achieve a disabled parking space.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded no.

Commissioner Adami stated expressed his concern about liability associated with the 10 minute parking space and asked if the City Attorney reviewed the documentation on this item. He also asked if there were any other parking spaces like this one in the City.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the City Attorney did review the documents and that there are a few short-term parking spaces in different areas throughout the City.

Chair Fournier requested clarification on what Staff was asking the Commission to do. He asked if they were contemplating taking the 10 minute parking space away or were they just taking public comments.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained staff wanted to publically vet the issue of the 10 minute parking space and provide a public forum for all interested parties.

Chair Fournier then opened the Audience Participation.

**Audience Participation**

**Tana Hausch**, 3704 The Strand, said she was confused and disappointed because she was not aware of the appeal process. She explained the 10 minute parking space is creating a traffic problem and that the parking space is not even being used. She concluded that with the limited parking on Rosecrans Avenue, she would like the space to return to its original condition.

Chair Fournier and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet briefly explained the appeal process.

**Steven Sauder**, 106 Rosecrans Ave., said it didn't make sense to give a person an extra parking space when they already have one. He stated that the 10 minute parking space was not serving the community or the visitors who come to Manhattan Beach.

**Brian Taylor**, 3620 The Strand, explained that he made his initial request for an on-street disabled parking space in October 2013. He states that he has gone through the process properly and is not sure why the issue of one parking space is the cause of such contention. He shared that he is a cancer survivor and had a hip replacement last year. He stated that with one leg it is almost impossible to get in and out of his vehicle when parked in his assigned parking space. He said there is a parking space at the very end of the street on near Ocean Avenue that is flat and could possibly meet the ADA requirements.

**Lucienne Aarsen**, 3620 The Strand, stated she had seen people who were not disabled parking in the 10 minute space and using a placard and thought she should report that.

**Bill Hausch**, 3704 The Strand, said parking in the area is an issue and losing just one parking space affects the community as well as the businesses. He said the space sits idle and wants the space returned to its original condition.

**Howard Kaminsky**, 113 Rosecrans Ave., explained that the 10 minute space creates a traffic problem and that making it a 10 minute space because it didn't meet the ADA guidelines could be a liability to the City. He suggested relocating the 10 minute space to the easterly end of the street.

**Kim Bixler**, 3616 The Strand, said she did see the applicant using the 10 minute space on a regular basis, and that the space at the end of the street was a good idea but didn't know if there was enough clearance for the other cars to pass.

**Brian Taylor**, responded to a comment from one of the speakers and stated that he is donating one of his three vehicles to charity.

Chair Fournier closed the Audience Participation.

### **Commission Discussion**

Commissioner Adami explained that a disabled parking space was not just for the Applicant, it would be for everyone in the community who needed to use it. Commissioner Adami stated he was not in favor of the 10 minute space because he felt there could be a liability to the City. He said he would like to see a disabled parking space in that area of Rosecrans Avenue.

Commissioner Stabile stated he thought it was important to go back to what the City's policies are that impact the issue that is before the Commission. He referenced the On-Street Disabled Parking Guidelines, which express the City's policy that, where possible, disabled parking should be made available for citizens and residents that are disabled. He said Staff went through the process to determine if the Applicant met the

guidelines for a disabled parking space, which the applicant did, but the space did not meet the ADA guidelines. Commissioner Stabile also felt that the 10 minute space was problematic. Commissioner Stabile suggested that since the Applicant stated he would be fine with the eastern most parking space that that parking space, could be converted if it were ADA compliant.

Commissioner Nicholson supports both Commissioner Adami and Stabile's comments.

Chair Fournier felt that there was a consensus amongst the Commission to establish if any of the parking spaces in that area of Rosecrans Ave. meet the ADA Guidelines and if one does it should be a disabled parking space.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Adami made a motion to direct Staff to investigate an alternate location in the immediate area surrounding 3620 The Strand for an accessible disabled parking space, and return to the Commission with the findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stabile. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Stabile, Nicholson, Adami, and Chair Fournier
Noes:	None.
Abstain:	None.
Absent:	Lipps

**04/24/14-4 Review of Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, gave a presentation on the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan and recommended that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission review the proposed Plan and provide comments that will be forwarded to the City Council for review and consideration.

**Commission Discussion**

Commissioner Adami stated that he would like to see a specific budget for more ADA parking throughout the City. Commissioner Adami then complimented Director Olmos on the best presentation that he has seen in the past six years and thanked him.

Commissioner Nicholson and Commissioner Stabile commented not to continue with the 38th street and Highland Avenue traffic signal project because it is unnecessary that the crosswalk on Rosecrans Avenue at Highland Avenue is sufficient, that there is only one business that is lobbying for the traffic signal, and there is also another traffic signal at Highland Avenue and 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Stabile made a motion to forward to the City Council the Commission's comments and recommended approval subject to the Commissioners comments. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Nicholson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ayes: Stabile, Nicholson, Adami and Chair Fournier.  
Noes: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Lipps.

**F. COMMISSION ITEMS**

**04/24/14-5 Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Stabile inquired about the placement of the YIELD pavement marking on 15<sup>th</sup> Street heading west (near Manhattan Avenue) and the Pier Parking Lot closure time of 9:30 PM.

**G. STAFF ITEMS**

**04/24/14-6 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports: Receive and File.**

Received and Filed.

**04/24/14-7 Staff Follow-up Items**

Management Analyst Madrid reported that the Sepulveda Boulevard Parking Prohibitions item from the March meeting would be going to the City Council on May 20, 2014.

Commissioner Nicholson asked who came up with the guidelines in regards to the two week time limit to pay a parking ticket.

Management Analyst Madrid responded that she would follow-up with Sgt. Vargas and email the Commissioners with the information.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at **10:00 P.M.** to the regular Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2014, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.