

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 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 26th day of June, 2014, at the hour of 6:31 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: King, Lipps, Nicholson and Fournier.
Absent: None.
Staff Present: Traffic Engineer Zandvliet, Management Analyst Madrid.
Clerk: Kozak.

Commissioner Apostol arrived at 6:34 p.m.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

06/26/14-1 April 24, 2014

Approved.

MOTION: Chair Nicholson moved to approve the Parking and Public Improvements Commission minutes of April 24, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipps and passed by roll call vote.

Commissioner King abstained, and Commissioner Apostol was not present.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

06/26/14-2 Introduction of New Commissioners (No Staff Report)

Chair Nicholson introduced himself as the new Chairman and introduced Commissioner King and Commissioner Apostol and welcomed them to the Commission.

06/26/14-3 Recognition of Gary Stabile and Cyrus Adami for Service on the PPIC (No Staff Report)

Chair Nicholson presented Cyrous Adami with a Certificate from the City Council and thanked him for his six years of service on the PPIC.

Gary Stabile was not in attendance to accept his certificate.

06/26/14-4 Consider a New Curb Parking Space on Rosecrans Avenue West of Manhattan Avenue and Maintain 10-Minute Space Near 3620 The Strand

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave a presentation and recommended that the Commission pass a motion for the partial removal of the red curb to provide an additional curb parking space on the south side of Rosecrans Avenue just west of Manhattan Avenue, and to maintain the existing 10-Minute parking space on the south side of Rosecrans Avenue adjacent to 3620 The Strand.

Commissioner Lipps and Commissioner Fournier asked Traffic Engineer Zandvliet for some clarification on the use of disabled placards, because most of the complaints from the residents were that the Disabled Placard was being abused.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that the disabled placards can be used in any vehicle that the holder is riding in and are not assigned to one vehicle.

Commissioner Fournier asked if the City identifies a parking space with a sign, does the City then assume any more responsibility for the safety of that space over an unmarked parking space.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet responded that was a question for the City Attorney. Traffic Engineer Zandvliet thought the answer was no, that it would have the same amount of liability as any other parking space throughout the City.

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

Oscar Bernal, 3620 The Strand, said he and his fiancé are opposed to the 10-Minute Space and would like to see it returned to the original space.

Tana Hausch, 3704 The Strand, stated she was opposed to the 10-Minute Space because it was a liability to the City and it created a lot of additional traffic on Rosecrans Avenue. Adding an additional parking space was a good idea if there was enough curb space, if not, she would want to keep the original parking space.

Bill Hausch, 3704 The Strand, stated that the 10-Minute parking space creates a liability for the City and is opposed to it.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner King asked if there are any other 10-Minute parking spaces in the City.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Lipps stated because of all the e-mails about the abuse of the Disabled Placard he was having a hard time divorcing himself from the emotional part of the issue. He said if there is abuse of the disabled placards it is the responsibility of the Police Department and the Commission cannot base its decision just on that, because there is a need for disabled parking spaces in our City. He said he was in favor of creating the two parking spaces but wasn't sure about the 10-Minute parking space.

Commissioner Fournier explained that just like Commissioner Lipps he had struggled with this issue. He stated that the Commission represents all of the residents in the City. He said he had concerns about the possible placard abuse and the additional traffic issue. Commissioner Fournier felt the placard abuse should be dealt with by the Police Department.

Commissioner Apostol agreed that this is an emotional issue, but felt that the City should accommodate disabled residents when possible. He thought they should not take the space away just because of the placard abuse and said it was not the Commission's roll to police the abuse, it is the Police Departments.

Chair Nicholson said he originally supported the request but when it didn't meet the ADA Guidelines that should have been the end of the matter. He stated he is not in favor of the 10-Minute parking space and that it has created a safety hazard and traffic problem on Rosecrans Avenue.

MOTION: Chair Nicholson motioned to remove the 10-Minute parking space as it was installed. There was no second so the motion died.

MOTION: Commissioner Fournier made a motion to follow Staff's recommendation and approve the 10-Minute Parking space. There was no second so the motion died.

Commissioner King stated in 2002, the City Council adopted guidelines to help disabled residents whenever possible. He asked for an explanation on the guidelines.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained the guidelines and that a disabled person with a placard can request an on street parking space, when needed.

Commissioner Apostol said there is an obligation that the City mandated over a decade ago, as Commissioner King said, and when appropriate the City should provide a disabled parking space. He stated we need to show some compassion for a fellow resident that has a disability. Commissioner Apostol said none of the Commissioners liked the 10-Minute Parking space but there must be something they can do. He

requested Traffic Engineer Zandvliet to provide additional options for the Commission to consider.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet suggested placing a time restriction on the 10-Minute parking space.

Commissioner Fournier said going back to his point of the spirit of helping disabled people. He said what disturbed him the most was that in all the letters the Commission received, no one ever acknowledged the requestor's disability, the comments focused on the requestor having his own public parking space and that no one addressed the spirit of what the ADA law represents, that is, that we do recognize people have disabilities and need our help.

Commissioner Lipps suggested a compromise in the time restrictions as mentioned by that Traffic Engineer Zandvliet.

MOTION: Chair Nicholson motioned to remove the 10-Minute Parking space as it was installed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipps. The motion was defeated with the following roll call vote.

Ayes: None.

Noes: King, Lipps, Fournier, Apostal and Chair Nicholson.

Abstain: None.

MOTION: Chair Nicholson motioned to change the 10-Minute parking space to a 10-Minute parking space from the hours of 6:00pm to 8:00am and have it as an unrestricted parking space from the hours of 8:00am to 6:00pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipps.

Ayes: King, Lipps, Apostal and Chair Nicholson.

Noes: Fournier.

Abstain: None.

MOTION: Chair Nicholson motioned to approve Staff's recommendation for the creation of two parking spaces on Rosecrans Avenue, making the spaces as large as possible. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Apostal.

Ayes: King, Lipps, Fournier, Apostal and Chair Nicholson.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

F. COMMISSION ITEMS

06/26/14-5 Commissioner Items

Commissioner Fournier said he noticed that a lot of the Street Signs around town were aging, he asked if they were being replaced.

Management Analyst Madrid explained that Public Works is working on

replacing the Street Signs throughout the City.

G. STAFF ITEMS

06/26/14-6 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports: Receive and File.

Received and Filed.

06/26/14-7 Staff Follow-up Items

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet reported that the City Council approved some of the speed reduction measures at Ardmore Avenue and Flournoy Road. He said they approved the trimming of the foliage, the Pedestrian Warning Sign and the crosswalk across Flournoy Road to be done now, and to put the bulb-out on to the Capital Improvements Project list but there are no funds for that at this time. He said there may be funding through a Grant for the Speed Awareness Sign.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet also reported that the City Council approved the Highland Avenue and 38th Street Traffic Study.

Management Analyst Madrid reported that through the budget process they received funding to do the study for Manhattan Beach Middle School, and they are still working on the Mobility Plan. She stated the tentative date that it should go to City Council is August 12, 2014.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **8:15 p.m.** to the regular Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2014, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.