

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 2015**

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 23rd day of April, 2015, 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: Nicholson, King and Apostol.
Absent: Lipps and Fournier.
Staff Present: Traffic Engineer Zandvliet, Senior Planner Jester, Associate Planner Masters, Public Works Director Olmos, City Engineer Parco
Clerk: Kozak.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Approved with no corrections.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation (3-Minute Limit).

None.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

04/23/15-2 Long-Term Commercial Use Encroachment Permit at 124 Manhattan Beach Boulevard

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet introduced Jason Masters, Assistant Planner.

Jason Masters gave a presentation on the Long-Term Commercial Use Encroachment Permit. He stated staff recommends that the P.P.I.C. consider the request at 124 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, (BREWCO) to permit two patio heaters attached to the existing eave in the public right-of-way over the sidewalk. He stated the

Commissioner's recommendation for the Long-Term Commercial Use Encroachment Permit request would be forwarded accordingly to the City Council for final action.

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

Michael Zislis, Applicant and Business Owner, stated he was proud of the design for the installation of the heaters and they met all requirements and codes. He explained the heaters were safe and felt there shouldn't be any problems with the location.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Chair Nicholson said he was ready to vote, Commissioners King and Apostol agreed they were, too.

MOTION: Chair Nicholson made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the Long-Term Commercial Use Encroachment Permit to allow two patio heaters at 124 Manhattan Beach Blvd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner King.

Ayes: King, Apostol and Nicholson.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Lipps and Fournier.

04/23/15-3 Presentation of South Bay Bicycle Mini-Corral Plan

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that staff recommends the Commission receive the presentation, hear public comments and discuss the South Bay Bicycle Mini-Corral Plan.

Ryan Johnson, Consultant with Alta Planning + Design gave a presentation on the designs, potential locations and funding of the Bicycle Mini-Corrals.

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

David Sundius, Manhattan Beach Resident, said he thought it was a great idea and really liked it.

Julian Katz, President of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition, Hermosa Beach Resident, said the intention of these Bicycle Mini-Corrals was to place them in the downtown areas of the cities close to businesses to encourage people to ride their bikes instead of driving a car. He explained that so far they have not taken away any current parking spaces when the Bicycle Mini-Corrals were installed. He encouraged the Commission to approve the plan.

James R. Gill, 3017 Valley Drive, said he thought it was a good idea to use some of the dead space downtown for the Bicycle Mini-Corrals, but he had some concerns about the bikes taking ownership of the road and affecting the flow of traffic. He felt the city should start small when installing the Bicycle Mini-Corrals.

Bob Ives, 3609 Oak Ave., stated he thought it was a good idea but felt the Bicycle Mini-Corrals do need some kind of barriers or striping for the safety of the cyclists. He said he was concerned about the downtown businesses employees taking all the spaces and the lack of turnover of the spaces for the residents use. He asked about enforcement to prevent the bikes from being left for days or even weeks.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Apostol asked if there was any feedback from the other cities involved in this plan and who initiates the Grant Program.

Ryan Johnson answered that all the participating cities were excited to get started with the plan. He said the one question he had not heard was the one about leaving the bicycles locked for days at a time. He stated he wasn't sure what could be done to control that if it happened.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet answered that bicycles fall under the same 72 hour parking law as vehicles, which is enforceable, and the bicycle could be removed if necessary. Traffic Engineer Zandvliet then answered Commissioner Apostol's question in regards to the Grant Program saying it would be himself who would apply for any Grants.

Chair Nicholson asked if this type of idea for bicycles is going to carry over to the new Mall design.

Laurie Jester, Planning Manager, answered yes there are very detailed conditions that require bicycle access and facilities within the Mall design.

The Commissioners and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet thanked Ryan Johnson for his presentation and said that all the information would be forwarded to the City Council for review and their ultimate approval.

04/23/15-4 Review of Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Capital Improvements Plan

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet introduced Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works who recommended that the Commission review the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan and provide comments that will be forwarded to the City Council.

Tony Olmos then introduced Joe Parco, City Engineer who gave an in-depth presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Various commissioners asked for more detailed explanation of various projects. City Engineer Parco and Public Works Director Olmos provided more information on particular projects.

Chair Nicholson thanked Tony Olmos and Joe Parco for a great job on a very detailed report.

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

James R. Gill, 3017 Valley Drive, commented that he was looking forward to almost a brand new City over the next five years.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said the Commissioner's questions and comments were noted and would be included and incorporated in the City Council Report.

04/23/15-5 Consider Traffic Calming Measures at Valley Drive/Oak Avenue/35th Street

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet gave his presentation and recommended that the Commission approve a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the installation of a temporary single point intersection with a center median island (Concept G) at the intersection of Valley Drive/Oak Avenue/35th Street on a trial basis.

Chair Nicholson opened the Audience Participation.

Audience Participation

Bob Ives, 3609 Oak Ave., said he was confused on what was trying to be accomplished. He explained that there has never been an accident at that intersection. He said he agreed with the residents who live at Ross Manhattan Terrace Senior

Apartments that it is very hard to get out of their driveway onto Valley Drive, but the changes that are suggested look like gridlock and very confusing and will not do anything to help the senior apartments.

Anne Rose, 3525 Elm Ave., stated she is against a stop sign and felt the city needs to work with the Ross Manhattan Terrace Senior Apartments to try and increase the visibility to make it safer for them to exit their driveway.

James R. Gill, 3017 Valley Drive, commented that he was not even aware of the issue and thought the City should do better on notification to the residents. He said he was not in favor of a stop sign or anything that kept the intersection from being free flowing. He explained that he does want to see something done to help with the visibility for the seniors to exit their driveway. He said he liked the left turn and thought signage would help.

Fran Schiff, 3504 Pine Ave., said she is not in favor of a stop sign, but she did like some of the ideas presented by Traffic Engineer Zandvliet.

Bonney Larson, 3524 Elm Ave., said she is not in favor of a stop sign because it would back up traffic and cause to many other problems.

Chair Nicholson closed the Audience Participation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner King said it seemed that most of the residents are not in favor of a stop sign, but are in favor of the left hand turn lane and the center median.

Commissioner Apostol agreed with Commissioner King about the left hand turn lane and the center median.

Chair Nicholson stated he felt there wasn't enough being discussed to help the seniors exiting their driveway safely. He said he wanted to be sure that whichever concept the Commission decides on, it will help them.

The Commissioners and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet discussed different elements within Concepts A-G provided by Traffic Engineer Zandvliet. All the Commissioners agreed to use several measures from Concepts A-G to help with the traffic calming on Valley Drive.

MOTION: Chair Nicholson made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the installation of the following: a crosswalk at Oak Avenue/35th Street, a curb bump out near the Ross Manhattan Terrace, a northbound left hand turn lane at Valley Drive to Oak Avenue, a center median from Sepulveda Boulevard to Oak Avenue and a speed awareness sign on Valley Drive on a trial basis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner King.

Ayes: King, Apostol and Nicholson.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Lipps and Fournier.

F. OTHER ITEMS

04/23/15-6 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports: Receive and File.
Received and Filed.

04/23/15-7 Commission Items

None.

04/23/15-8 Staff Follow-up Items

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained the temporary parking permit plan that had been implemented after the March 26th meeting until the Commission and the City Council establish a policy for the Downtown Residential Override Parking Program. Traffic Engineer Zandvliet said that staff sent notices to the walkstreet residents west of Valley Drive, informing them they could apply for a temporary parking permit that would be valid until Labor Day. He stated the permits are free, the requestor must show proof of residence, the temporary permits are issued on a case by case as needed basis, and the permits allow the permit holder to park on any streets that have posted parking restrictions.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **9:20 p.m.** to the regular Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2015, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.