

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2008**

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, 2008, at the hour of 6:35 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Gross, Silverman, Stabile and Chair Paralusz
Absent: Donahue
Staff Present Stevenson
Clerk: Pompano

B. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 28, 2008

A motion was MADE and SECONDED (Gross/Stabile) to approve the minutes of February 28, 2008.

AYES: Gross, Silverman, Stabile and Chair Paralusz.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Donahue.
ABSTAIN: None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Management Analysts Stevenson reported that the City Council upheld the Commission's recommendations pertaining to Ingleside Drive South of 5th Street and the Alley between 542 and 544 Marine Avenue.

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

F. GENERAL

1. Request for Relocation of Utility Pole at 1750 Nelson Avenue

Associate Engineer Gilbert Gamboa presented staff's report and recommendations that the relocation distance be limited to 12 feet to the west.

Audience Participation

Syed Jilani M.D., the applicant, thanked the Commission for their thorough discussion on this matter, and explained that the purpose of his request to relocate the utility pole is to improve access to the property. He then provided background information on what transpired with the local Southern California Edison (SCE) residential planner and City staff, and the utility pole being relocated prematurely. Dr. Jilani assured the Commission that as a City homeowner he wants to fully comply with the City's rules and regulations, and in no way attempted to circumvent the process.

Discussion

Commissioner Silverman talked of Dr. Jilani's attempts to contact SCE to inform them that the utility pole should not be relocated until the City formally approves such relocation, and stated that he believed this was an honest mistake. Commissioner Silverman remarked that in the spirit of the City's resolution he will approve the request.

Commissioner Stabile shared that after hearing Dr. Jilani's comments, he does not believe he intentionally tried to circumvent the process. However, Commissioner Stabile opined that Dr. Jilani's architect should have known and informed his client of the City's policy. He believed the mistakes of the architect and SCE should not afford a resident a special opportunity, and that the City's resolution should be followed. Commissioner Stabile indicated that he would not be in favor of the request as it now stands. However, he would support a relocation of the utility pole limited to 12 feet or denial of the current request pending a newly submitted application.

Commissioner Gross relayed his support for allowing the utility pole to remain at its current location, and asked that staff look into the legislation history and intent of the City's resolution that governs utility pole relocation.

Chair Paralusz voiced her support for the request, stating that Dr. Jilani took the proper steps to follow the City's policy, that no one has objected to the relocation, and that approval of the relocation is not prohibited under the City's resolution.

Action

A motion was MADE and SECONDED (Gross/Silverman) to approve the applicant's request to relocate the utility pole 30 feet to the west.

AYES: Gross, Silverman and Chair Paralusz.
NOES: Stabile.
ABSENT: Donahue
ABSTAIN: None.

2. Review of Proposed 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Program

City Engineer Dana Greenwood reviewed the proposed 2008/2009 Capital Improvement Program. Director of Public Works Jim Arndt provided additional information on the studies being proposed, stating that they will provide a snap shot of the current conditions and aid in determining the appropriate course of action.

The Commission discussed the proposed studies as well as the PPIC's role in ensuring adequate infrastructure is maintained in the City.

Commissioner Gross confirmed with City Engineer Greenwood that the PPIC is their only advocate for infrastructure. He stated that the Commission needs to take this role seriously and suggested that the results of these studies be brought back to the Commission for review and recommendations on implementation and budget.

Chair Paralusz acknowledged the 75 year infrastructure and shared that she is pleased to see proactive steps being taken.

Commissioner Silverman suggested a study session be scheduled with staff to further educate the Commission on the City's infrastructure.

Commissioner Stabile voiced his concern with the list of unfunded projects, and the spending of considerable money on temporary measures that will intercept with the Facilities Master Plan.

Public Works Director Arndt responded that the proposed allocations on the unfunded list are meant to act as "place holders." The City Council will ultimately determine the proper course of action based on the implementation of the Facilities Master Plan.

Gary Osterhout stated that he is pleased to see the Commission addressing this issue with such vigor. He added that funding is not in place to maintain the City's infrastructure and opined that the City Council needs to adjust service rates accordingly. Mr. Osterhout also commented on the proposed studies and the importance of ensuring that accountability is built into the budget

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Paralusz stated that the red curb on Manhattan Beach Boulevard between Peck Avenue and Rowell Avenue appears to be a great improvement.

A discussion was held regarding a letter received from Kyle Shimizu regarding Lot 65C. Manhattan Beach Police Lieutenant Andy Harrod stated that he reviewed the issues which led to the locking of this lot in the evening and addressed the areas of concern. The Commission agreed to have staff edit the letter, drafted by Commissioner Gross, for their approval.

Lieutenant Harrod further advised that he will periodically attend PPIC meetings to keep

himself apprised of issues the Commission is dealing with and that he is available to the Commission if needed.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

KARA POMPANO
Recording Secretary

KATHLEEN PARALUSZ
Chair

ATTEST:

ANA STEVENSON
Management Analyst