



Agenda Item #: 06/1108.16

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager *GD*

FROM: Neil C. Miller, Director of Public Works *NEM*
Dana Greenwood, City Engineer *DAG*
Gilbert Gamboa, Associate Engineer *GG*

DATE: November 8, 2006

SUBJECT: Uphold the Parking and Public Improvements Commission Recommendation to Deny a Request for a Street Light Addition at 14th Place and Ocean Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council pass a motion to uphold the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) recommendation to deny the request for a new street light at the intersection of 14th Place and Ocean Drive.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The installation cost for a new street light is approximately five hundred dollars (includes labor, materials and initial startup). If approval of the subject request is granted, the work would be accomplished utilizing an existing contract with Southern California Edison (SCE). Reserve funds in the Street Lighting Account would be used to pay for this work.

BACKGROUND:

A letter of request to add a street light (with exterior visor) to the existing utility pole at the southeast corner of the intersection of 14th Place and Ocean Drive was submitted to the Department of Public Works. The property owner/resident at 1406 The Strand requested the new street light. In the past, similar requests have generated concerns by residents about glare affecting adjacent properties.

This item was reviewed by the PPIC at their September 28, 2006 meeting. Notices were sent out to residents within a five hundred foot radius of the intersection and hand delivered to the properties in the immediate vicinity of the intersection. Three (3) residents from the 1400 block of Ocean Drive attended the meeting. The requesting property owner/resident spoke in favor of adding the light on the basis that it will provide better illumination and public safety for the neighborhood and indicated that a hooded street light will not shine into homes. However, the property owners/residents of 1418 and 1420 Ocean Drive voiced their opposition to adding a new street light on the grounds that the glare from the lamp will indeed shine into homes and create a nuisance. In addition, they added that the policing of the intersection can be shared between the residents (who can provide security devices such as motion detectors and exterior lighting) and the City by calling

the Police Department to report suspicious activity. The requesting property owner also stated in response to a question from the Commission that he does have an exterior light adjacent to the intersection. An email correspondence was submitted by the property owner/resident at 1416 Ocean Drive (who was unable to attend the meeting) in opposition to adding a new street light giving the reason that the glare from the new lamp would intrude into their household. The owner also added that the light from their carport helps in illuminating the area. The residents of 116 14th Place (the property immediately adjacent to the existing utility pole) did not attend the meeting.

The Commissioners were in agreement that although the request for a street light is reasonable, they could not support the request because of the opposition by the neighbors. In addition, the Commission took the position that Ocean Drive has an adequate amount of light and did not believe the request was justified. Consequently, the request for a street light was unanimously denied by the Commission on a 3-0 vote (Donahue and Paralusz absent).

DISCUSSION:

If the request is approved, the work involved would include the installation of a new 6 to 8 foot long pipe arm, new lamp and the connections required to energize the lamp. The new street light would extend in a westerly direction overhanging Ocean Drive in a similar fashion to the existing street lights. Currently, the nearest existing street light to the south, along Ocean Drive, is 135 feet away at the intersection of 14th Street. The nearest existing street light to the north (105 feet away) at 15th Street extends in a northerly direction and is only partially shielded by the adjacent building at 1420 Ocean Drive. The location of the street light at 15th Street and Ocean Drive lies within a Utility Undergrounding Assessment District boundary and is scheduled to be replaced with a new light pole. The result of the placement of a new light pole will not change the orientation of the street light. In the vicinity of the requested intersection along Ocean Drive, street lights mounted to utility poles exist at each intersection from 18th Street to Manhattan Beach Boulevard with the exception of 14th Place, 13th Street and 12th Place. However, a streetlight does exist in the mid-block between 13th Street and 12th Place.

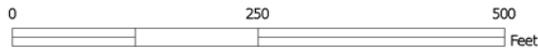
Notices (180) were sent out to properties located within a 500 foot radius of the subject intersection and a second notice was hand delivered to properties in the immediate vicinity of 14th Place and Ocean Drive prior to this City Council meeting. The applicant has also submitted a packaged appeal correspondence including a letter to the City Attorney from the Law Offices of Paul A. Lenz and signed petitions of residents in support of this request (Total of 15 signatures from 12 properties).

CONCLUSION:

Although street lights provide additional illumination of an area, staff is recommending that the City Council uphold the Commission's decision to deny the request for a street light at 14th Place and Ocean Drive.

- attachments: Location Map and Council Meeting Public Notice (10/18/2006)
- PPIC Draft minutes of 9/28/2006 meeting
- Applicant's letter of request (8/25/2006)
- Opposing Email correspondence (9/28/2006)
- Site photos and PPIC Meeting Public Notice (9/14/2006)
- Applicant's Appeal Package (10/31/2006)

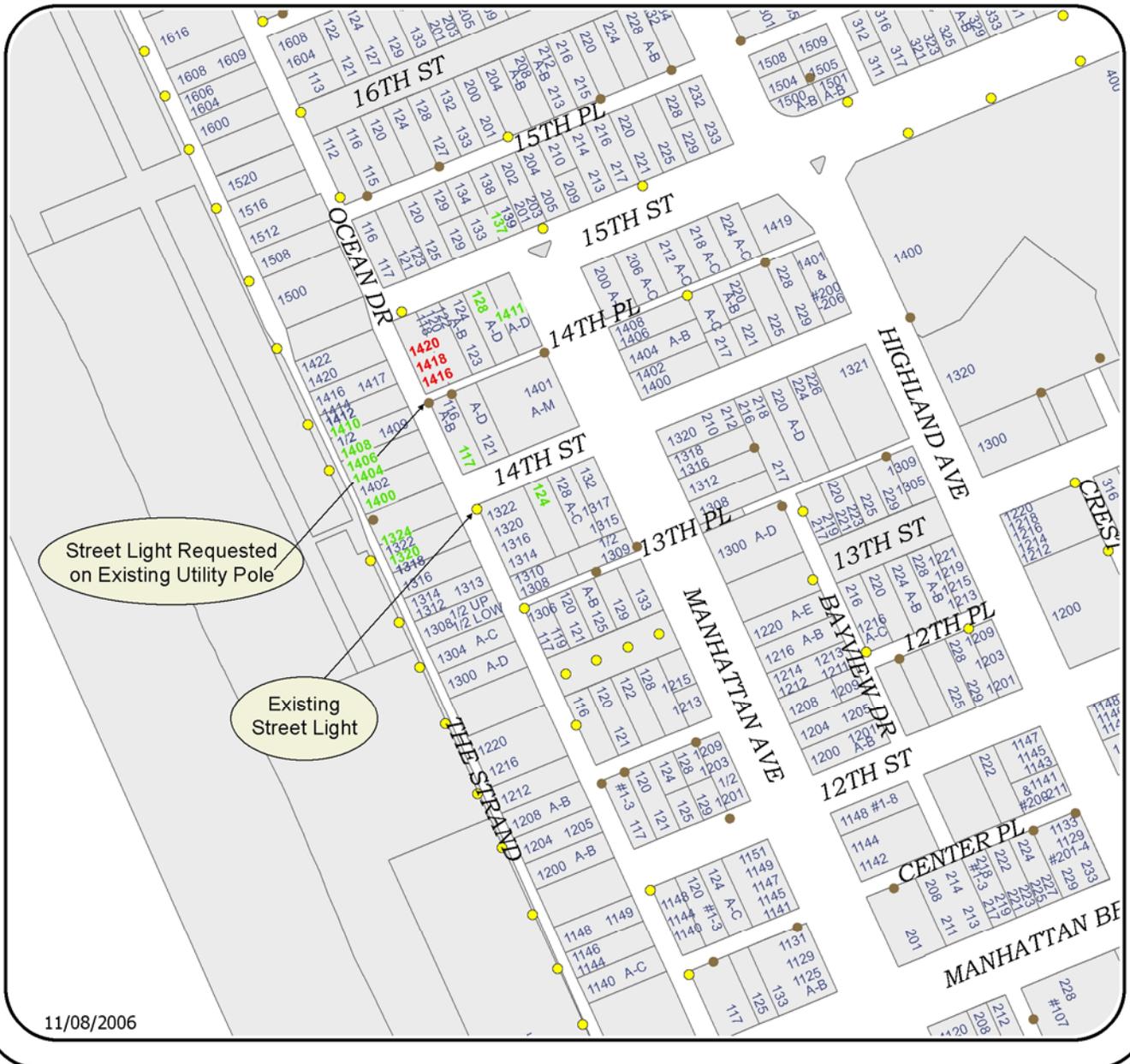
Street Light Request: 14th Place & Ocean Drive



- Existing Street Lights
- Existing Utility Poles

1416 Opposed

1404 In Favor (signed petition)





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October 18, 2006

***** **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING** *****

**APPEAL OF A REQUEST FOR A STREET LIGHT ADDITION AT
THE INTERSECTION OF 14TH PLACE AND OCEAN DRIVE**

DATE: November 8, 2006

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: City Council Chambers (1400 Highland Avenue)

Dear Manhattan Beach Property Owner/ Resident:

On September 28, 2006, the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) reviewed a request to install a street light lamp (with exterior visor) to an existing utility pole located at the southeast corner of the intersection of 14th Place and Ocean Drive (overhanging Ocean Drive). **The Commission voted to recommend denial of the request.**

The appeal and recommendation will go on the City Council agenda during the regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, November 8, 2006**. The issue will be on the portion of the agenda known as the "Consent Calendar" under the section for Boards and Commissions and will not automatically be discussed. If it is not requested to be discussed by either a member of the audience, a City staff person or a Councilmember; the PPIC recommended action will be accepted without discussion. At a point in the beginning of the meeting the Mayor will ask the audience if they would like any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar. If an item is removed it will be discussed during the portion of the agenda entitled "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar", toward the end of the meeting.

The action taken by the City Council will be the final decision regarding this request. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 802-5356.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Gamboa
Associate Engineer
Public Works Department

PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION ACTION MINUTES ¹⁶

September 28, 2006

6:30 pm

- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Agenda Changes
- D. Approval of Minutes
- E. Audience Participation
- F. General:
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**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

3. Request for Street Light Addition at the Intersection of 14th Place and Ocean Drive

Associate Engineer Gilbert Gamboa presented staff's report regarding this request, noting that an e-mail correspondence opposing this request was just received this morning and has been distributed to the Commission and will become part of the staff report.

Per an inquiry from Commissioner Osterhout, Associate Engineer Gamboa confirmed that this address is not in an undergrounding district.

Audience Participation

Richard Berry, The Strand, shared that he drives Ocean Drive daily and requested this street light due to the very dark conditions at this intersection. He talked of vehicles that park at this intersection late at night and his concern for public safety, adding that from 18th Street to Manhattan Beach Boulevard all utility poles have street lights except this one. Mr. Barry indicated that a hooded street light will not shine into homes, noting that the resident at 1408 The Strand is agreeable to the installation.

Responding to Commissioner Seville-Jones, Mr. Barry stated that he does have a light at the back entrance of his home, which is well lit.

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Discussion

Commissioner Osterhout stated that although he believes the request for a street light is reasonable, he cannot support it due to the opposition of the neighbors.

Commissioner Seville-Jones stated that Ocean Drive has an adequate amount of light and does not believe the request is justified.

Chairperson Lang noted agreement with his fellow commissioners.

A motion was MADE and SECONDED (Osterhout/Seville-Jones to deny the request for a street light addition at the intersection of 14th Place and Ocean Drive.

AYES: Osterhout, Seville-Jones, Chairman Lang

NOES: None

ABSENT: Donahue, Paralusz

ABSTAIN: None

1406 The Strand
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

August 25, 2006

Mr. Neil Miller, Director
Public Works Department
City of Manhattan Beach
3621 Bell Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Neil,

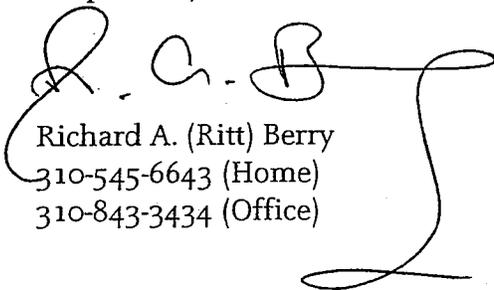
Please accept this correspondence as my formal request to have a hooded street light installed on the telephone pole located at 14th Place and Ocean Avenue.

The intersection is very dark during the evening hours and on several occasions has nearly caused my being involved in an auto accident. Most, if not all, intersections on Ocean Avenue have a hooded streetlight with this corner being an exception.

Should there be an interest in public safety I would think this small oversight could be remedied in the not too distant future?

Please let me know if there is anything else required of me as a homeowner at 1404-06 The Strand.

Respectfully,



Richard A. (Ritt) Berry
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310-843-3434 (Office)

cc: Dana Greenwood

Gilbert Gamboa

From: Barbara Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2006 9:13 AM
To: Gilbert Gamboa
Subject: Street light at 14th place

Dear Mr. Gamboa,

My husband and I are the owners of the condo at 1416 Ocean Dr. We are opposed to the street light on 14th Place. We are unable to attend the meeting this evening. The glare from this light would shine into our bedroom and living room. The bedroom has glass block windows which are not easily covered with any window dressings thus letting light enter the room. We feel the area has adequate lighting. Our carport is located at that corner and has a light that comes on every evening at dusk, illuminating the area. Please take these issues into consideration when making a decision about an additional street lamp. Thank you, Barbara and Tommy Lee 661-706-0891.



ABOVE: Looking *southbound* on Ocean Dr

BELOW: Southeast corner of 14th Place & Ocean Dr



ABOVE: Looking *northbound* on Ocean Drive

BELOW: Existing Street Light at 15th Street





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September 14, 2006

******* NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING *******

**REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT ADDITION AT THE
INTERSECTION OF 14TH PLACE AND OCEAN DRIVE**

DATE: September 28, 2006

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: City Council Chambers (1400 Highland Avenue)

Dear Manhattan Beach Property Owner/ Resident:

The City recently received a petition requesting permission to authorize Southern California Edison to install a street light mast and lamp (with glare shield) to an existing utility pole located at the southeast corner of the intersection of 14th Place and Ocean Drive (overhanging Ocean Dr). The request will be referred to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) for consideration. The Commission will be reviewing this matter at a public meeting on Thursday, September 28. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 1400 Highland Avenue and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Any comments you might like to make at the meeting regarding the request would be welcomed.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 802-5356.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Gamboa

Associate Engineer

Public Works Department

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City Council of Manhattan Beach

November 8, 2006

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October 30, 2006

Mr. Neil Miller, Director
Public Works Department
City of Manhattan Beach
362 Bell Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Neil,

Please accept this correspondence as my intent to appeal the ruling of the PPIC commission (9/28/2006) to the city council on November 8th, 2006. I have enclosed 8 copies for distribution to the council and city attorney, etc.

The points of discussion I will present will be the following:

1. Why I feel the PPIC commission erred in their decision to deny my petition for a hooded street light to be installed on the existing telephone pole at 14th Place and Ocean Drive.

- A. Commissioner Osterhout denied my petition based on opposition of 3 neighbors. I have enclosed affidavits from 15 neighbors who agree with me that a light be installed on the existing telephone pole at 14th Place and Ocean Drive.
- B. Commissioner Seville-Jones denied my petition by saying there is already an adequate amount of light on Ocean Drive. While this may be true in 95% of the intersections on Ocean Drive, the generalization does not apply to the intersection at 14th Place and Ocean Drive which is very dark.

Commissioner Seville-Jones has no direct knowledge of this intersection and lighting or lack thereof. I would request the city do a lighting study of 14th Place and Ocean Drive and contrast it to all the intersections and lighting on Ocean Drive, to determine the legitimacy of my petition.

- C. Chairperson Lang agreed with the other two commissioners without any direct knowledge of the darkness incumbent at 14th Place and Ocean Drive. This was simply a contest of head counting for and against, which in my opinion is an incorrect way of determining public safety policy.
- D. I note that Manhattan Beach has a reserve for lighting paid by property taxes in the city. The fiscal impact is deminius when compared to the safety of the residents (\$500.00 per light installation).
- E. The intersection is very dark and is a magnet for those wishing to take advantage of this darkness for possible illicit activities, not to mention possible automobile accidents. Many of my neighbors have expressed

concern for their safety when walking on Ocean Drive at night at this intersection.

- F. A current technology glare shield can be installed whereby the light entering homes adjacent to this proposed light would be nil. This is where the safety of the many residents should overcome the personal interests of the few.

I am sure many in Manhattan Beach have a glare (myself included with the light on the Strand coming directly into my living room) but where the safety of the many far outweighs the inconvenience of the few, (me included).

In summary, the main points are.

1. 15 neighbors affected by the addition of this light are in accord with my petition, (enclosed affidavits).
2. Safety of the many must outweigh the inconvenience of the few.
3. A city lighting study will clearly show the intersection of 14th Place and Ocean Drive is not lit (at all) and invites compromising the safety of residents (15 residents directly affected agree).
4. No fiscal impact as lighting is paid by homeowner taxes.
5. If a simple headcount is the basis of determination (poor public policy basis) then the 15 enclosed affidavits should outweigh the 3 neighbors opposed.
6. Most all intersections on Ocean Drive have street lighting, with the exception of 14th Place (oversight?). This is a safety issue equal to all the intersections on Ocean Drive.

I ask the city council to override the decision the PPIC commission and order a street light installed at 14th Place and Ocean Drive.

If the council is unsure of the validity of this request I then ask that the city do a lighting study of this intersection versus the lighting at all other intersections on Ocean Drive. The outcome of this study could be determinative.

Respectfully,

Richard A (Ritt) Berry
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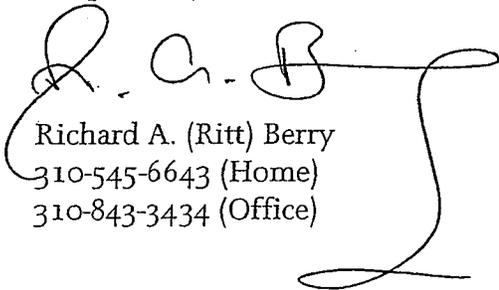
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**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Parking and Public Improvements Commission Chair and Members
THROUGH: Neil C. Miller, Director of Public Works
FROM: Dana Greenwood, City Engineer
BY: Gilbert Gamboa, Associate Engineer
DATE: September 28, 2005
SUBJECT: Request for Street Light Addition at the intersection of 14th Place and Ocean Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

To allow residents to comment on the installation of a new street light, a public hearing before the Parking and Public Utility Commission is recommended prior to consideration by the City Council.

✓ **FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

The approximate installation cost for the street light addition is, up to, five hundred dollars which includes labor, materials and initial energizing (startup). This amount would be paid for by the City utilizing an existing contract with Southern California Edison (SCE). Reserve funds in the Street Lighting Account would be used to pay for this work.

✓ **DISCUSSION:**

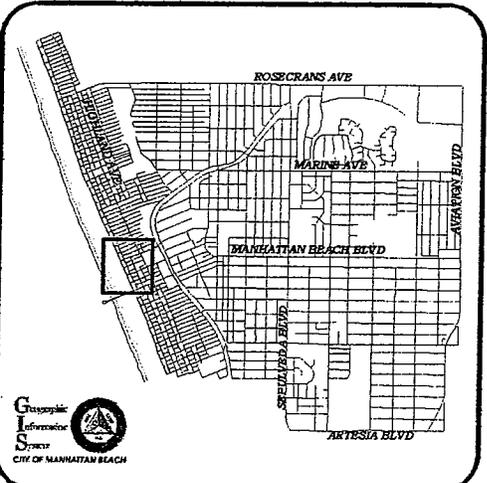
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Properties located within a 500' radius of the subject address were notified of the public hearing before the PPIC to be held on Thursday, September 28, 2006.

CONCLUSION:

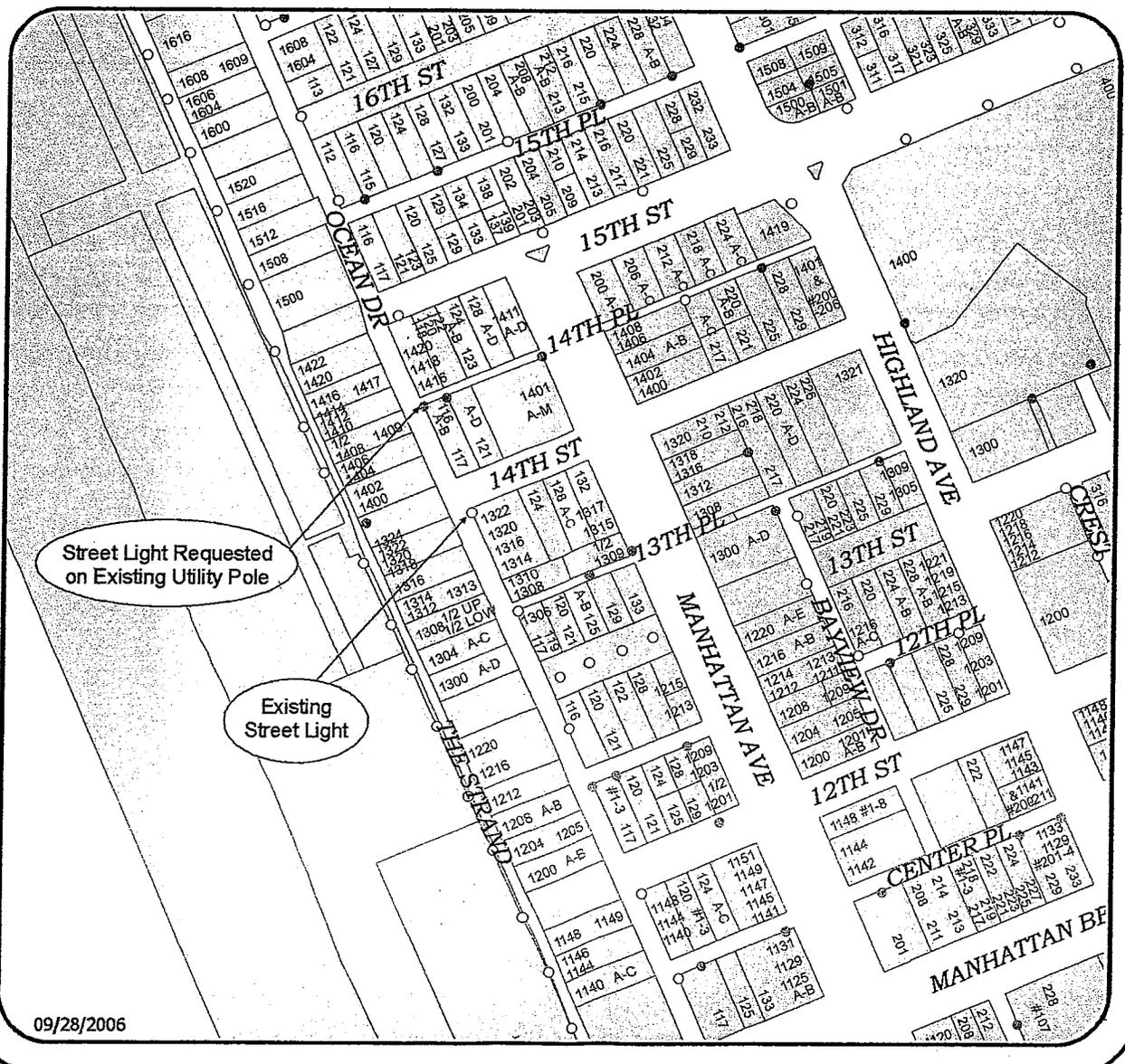
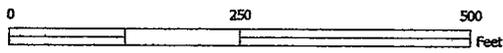
This request will provide better illumination for the subject intersection.

attachments: location map
applicant's letter
site photos



Street Light Request: 14th Place & Ocean Drive

- Existing Street Lights
- Existing Utility Poles

09/28/2006



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October 17, 2006

Richard A. (Ritt) Berry
1406 The Strand
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Re: Request for Streetlight Addition at 14th Place and Ocean Drive – **September 28, 2006 PPIC Draft Minutes**

Dear Mr. Berry,

Regarding your request during our recent telephone conversation, I am providing you a copy of the City of Manhattan Beach Draft Minutes for the subject section of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) meeting held on September 28, 2006 at 6:30pm.

Please note that the enclosed minutes are a draft only and have not been formally approved by the Commission or the City Council at this time.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect regarding the streetlight addition, please don't hesitate to contact me at (310) 802-5356 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Gamboa
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NOES: None
ABSENT: Donahue, Paralusz
ABSTAIN: None

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October 27, 2006

Robert Waddan, Jr., Esq.
City Attorney
1400 Highland Avenue
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Re: Street Light Addition at 14th Place and Ocean Drive

Dear Mr. Waddan:

I represent Richard A. ("Ritt") Berry, who lives at 1406 The Strand.

On September 28, 2006, Mr. Berry presented a request to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC), for a street light to be placed on an existing utility pole at the corner of 14th Place and Ocean Drive. Mr. Berry's request was denied, apparently because of the opposition of several neighbors. Mr. Berry would like to submit the following in support of his request for a street light prior to consideration by the City Council which is currently scheduled for November 8, 2006.

The neighbors who voiced opposition to the installation of the street light suggested that the police should be called "when people are sitting in their vehicles for extended periods of time." This is an unsatisfactory response and solution to Mr. Berry's request. It is completely unworkable to ask Mr. Berry, or other neighbors, to patrol 14th Place to determine when an automobile is occupied, parked on the street and has been there for a "extended period" of time and then notify the police. Certainly, a far more reasonable and workable solution would be to install a street light.

The minutes of the September 28 meeting state that Commissioner Osterhout agreed that Mr. Berry's request was reasonable, but he could not support the request due to the opposition of the neighbors. This is a totally unsatisfactory basis for denying Mr. Berry's request. One might infer that, if Mr. Berry's request was reasonable, then opposition of the neighbors was unreasonable. It just does not make sense that neighborhood safety would become secondary to the objections of a vocal minority. It seems that Commissioner Osterhout's responsibility extends beyond a simple head count.

Despite Commissioner Seville-Jones comment that Ocean Drive has an adequate amount of light, a survey of the neighborhood would reveal that every intersection, except for 14th Place and Ocean, has a street light. This makes 14th Place an island of darkness in the neighborhood. In Mr. Berry's opinion, a study of relative illumination levels would reveal that 14th Place has only 10% of the illumination of other intersections. The lack of street lighting creates a dangerous condition for residents, visitors and pedestrians walking on, or attempting to cross, 14th Place. A street light would create a safe environment for residents and visitors, as well as act as a deterrent. It seems self-evident that the primary concern of the city should be the safety of the many who traverse this intersection on a daily basis. Isn't this what street lights are for?

An examination of street lights in the area reveals that most are hooded or shielded so as to direct the light toward where it is needed in the intersection, and away from residences. It would seem that an appropriate response to the concerns of Mr. Berry's neighbor would, to be sure that the street light is properly shielded, rather than to deny the request for a street light.

Mr. Berry would remind you that he is assessed for street lighting, and the installation and operation of this additional street light will have no fiscal impact on the city budget. Mr. Berry understands that there is a reserve, in part funded by his assessment for the installation of street lights.

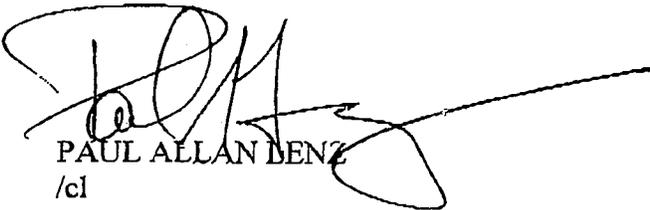
Mr. Berry wants to emphasize that he considers the lack of lighting at this intersection to be directly related to the safety of his family, as well as other residents and visitors. In Mr. Berry's opinion, the lack of lighting creates a condition that is an accident, or worse, waiting to happen.

Mr. Berry hopes that you will consider this request and present a favorable recommendation to the City Council at the hearing November 8, 2006 meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further comments or questions.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. LENZ, INC.



PAUL ALLAN LENZ

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cc: Ritt Berry

**PETITION IN SUPPORT OF
STREET LIGHT ADDITION AT
14TH PLACE AND OCEAN DRIVE**

I fully support the request of Richard A. Berry for the installation of a street light at 14th Place and Ocean Drive for the following reasons:

1. The lack of a street light at 14th Place and Ocean Drive while all other intersections in the area are lit, creates an inviting island of darkness.
2. The lack of a street light creates a dangerous condition for residents, visitors and pedestrians attempting to walk on or cross 14th Place.
3. The alternative suggested by other neighbors that we patrol 14th Place and report suspicious activities is unworkable.

x C.R. Holmer

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x Maryann Carroll Guthrie

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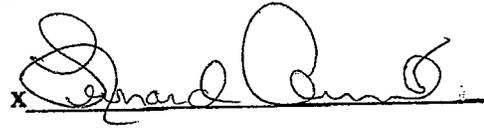
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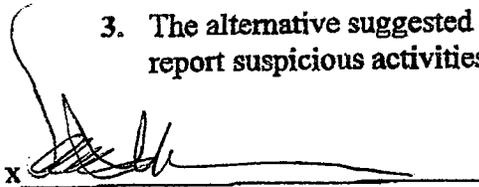
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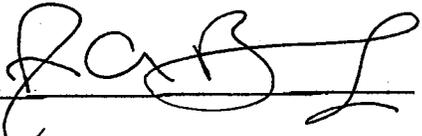
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