

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2007**

A. The Regular Meeting of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission of the City of Manhattan Beach was held on October 25, 2007, at 6:32 p.m. at the Police Fire Conference Room, Police Fire Facility, 420 15th Street.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Donahue, Gross, Silverman, Stabile and Chair Paralusz

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lindy Coe-Juell, Assistant to the City Manager
Richard Gill, Parks and Recreation Director
Rosie Lackow, Senior Planner
Kara Pompano, Recording Secretary
Richard Thompson, Community Development Director
Erik Zandvliet, Traffic Engineer

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 27, 2007

A motion was MADE and SECONDED (Gross/Silverman) to approve the minutes of September 27, 2007.

AYES: Donahue, Gross, Stabile, Silverman and Chair Paralusz

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

D. CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Senior Planner Lackow reported on the following City Council actions pertaining to Parking and Public Improvements Commission items: approved the Commission's recommendation to install pedestrian safety measures at Rowell Avenue at 15th Street; approved the Commission's recommendation to designate a disabled street parking space at 610 Rosecrans Avenue; and approved the Commission's recommendation to implement overnight parking restriction on Artesia Boulevard adjacent to Mira Costa High School. Senior Planner Lackow further reported that the City Council did not approve the Commission's recommendation to deny the Encroachment Permit Appeal at 133 13th Street and upheld the appeal to maintain a covered trellis within the public right of way.

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

F. GENERAL

1. Review of the Steering Committee Recommended Facilities Strategic Plan

Assistant to the City Manager Coe-Juell introduced the item, explaining that the City Council has asked that the Commission review issues related to parking roadways and vehicular access, outdoor facilities and park open space. She then introduced Jim Favaro and Steve Johnson of MDA Johnson Favaro who presented a power point review of the Facilities Strategic Plan.

After the presentation and review of the issues, the Commission separately addressed and answered the attached list of specific questions (Attachment A). The Commission's recommended findings were as followed:

I. Live Oak Park

A. Parking

1. AGREE (5)
2. AGREE (5)
3. AGREE (5) with the word "economically" deleted from the question

B. Roadways and Vehicular Access

1. AGREE (5)
2. AGREE (5)
3. DISAGREE (1-Commissioner Gross disagrees with the proposed location for the underground parking as he believes it will cause traffic congestion during large events.)
4. AGREE (5)

C. Outdoor Facilities and Park Open Space

1. AGREE (5)
2. AGREE (5)
3. AGREE (5)

II. Polliwog Park and Park Adjacent

A. Parking

1. AGREE (4)/OTHER (1-Commissioner Gross questions the amount of parking as the number is not consistent with the amount of parking allocated at Live Oak Park.)
2. AGREE (5)
3. AGREE (5)

B. Roadways and Vehicular Access

1. AGREE (4)/OTHER (1-Chair Paralusz stated that she would want to hear input from the neighbors on the possible realignment of Peck Avenue.)

2. AGREE (5)
3. AGREE (5)

C. Outdoor Facilities and Park Open Space

1. AGREE (5)
2. AGREE (5)
3. AGREE (5)

III. Alternatives

A. Alternate Location for the Library

1. DISAGREE (3-Commissioners Donahue, Stabile, and Chair Paralusz)
OTHER (2-Commissioners Gross and Silverman)

Commission members explained that their DISAGREE and OTHER votes relate to their belief that the existing Library should be relocated to Live Oak Park.

B. Alternate Location for Indoor and Outdoor Recreation Facilities

1. AGREE (4)/OTHER (1-Commissioner Stabile shared that he does not know at this point if Marine Avenue Park is a reasonable alternative location.)

G. COMMISSION/STAFF BUSINESS

Senior Planner Lackow confirmed that due to the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Commission's next meeting will be held on December 13, 2007.

Commissioner Stabile inquired on having staff reports include fiscal impact information on items that will involve public expenditures. Community Development Director Thompson and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet explained that staff does not include such information to ensure that the Commission's evaluation and consideration of proposed measures are not influenced by the costs involved.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet reported back on some areas of concern expressed by Commission members at the September meeting.

Per an inquiry from Commissioner Stabile, Community Development Director Thompson confirmed that representatives from the Police Department will be invited to attend a future Commission meeting to address the Police Department's policy and resources for traffic enforcement.

Community Development Director Thompson also announced that a new Management Analyst has been hired and will begin training on November 5th.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.