

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
July 28, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission of the City of Manhattan Beach, California was held on July 28, 2022 at the hour of 6:05pm., via Zoom Call.

B. PLEDGE TO FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners D’Amico, Apostol, and Kirschenbaum (Acting Chair)
Absent: DaGiau, Paralusz
Staff Present: Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet
Clerks: Fel Cortez

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Acting Chair Kirschenbaum deferred approval of the April 28, 2022 Parking and Public Improvements Commission minutes to the next scheduled meeting.

E. REMOTE MEETING FINDING

07/28/22-2 Parking and Public Improvements Commission Reconsideration of the Circumstances of the Declared COVID-19 Emergency to Determine Whether the Parking and Public Improvements Commission Should Continue to Hold Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361’s Special Teleconferencing Requirements

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum made findings with no objections.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-minute Limit)

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum opened Audience Participation.

There were no speakers.

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum closed audience participation.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

07/28/22-3 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

1st MOTION: Commissioner Apostol nominated Commissioner Paralusz to the position of chair. It was moved and seconded (**Apostol/Kirschenbaum**) that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission shall elect Commissioner Paralusz as Chair.

AYES: D’Amico, Apostol, Acting Chair Kirschenbaum
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: DaGiau, Paralusz

2nd MOTION: Commissioner Apostol nominated Commissioner Kirschenbaum to the position of Vice Chair. It was moved and seconded (**Apostol/D’Amico**) that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission shall elect Commissioner Kirschenbaum as Vice Chair.

AYES: D’Amico, Apostol, Acting Chair Kirschenbaum

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: DaGiau, Paralusz

07/28/22-4 Consider a Request for Stop Signs in All Directions at Pacific Avenue and 18th Street.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet presented the staff report.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet recommended to install stop signs in all directions at Pacific Avenue and 18th Street.

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum opened public comment.

Paul Beswick addressed the Commission and provided a presentation in support of the installation of stop signs in all directions at Pacific Avenue and 18th Street. Mr. Beswick provided petitions in support of the stop signs.

The following members of the public addressed the Parking and Public Improvements Commission in support of the stop signs in all directions at Pacific Avenue and 18th Street.

- Carl Salanitro
- Heidi Tobias
- Chad Blocker
- Cedric Tuck-Sherman
- Mehrasa Raygani

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum closed public comment.

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum asked if the traffic volume studies were taken while school was out of session. **Traffic Engineer Zandvliet** responded that the traffic volume studies were taken before the schools were released for the summer. He further stated that the speed studies were taken during school days during a time when there is free-flow traffic.

Commissioner Apostol thanked Paul Beswick for this presentation and stated he is in support of the installation of the stop signs in all directions.

Commissioner D’Amico stated he is in support of the installation of the stop signs in all directions.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (**Kirschenbaum/D’Amico**) that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission recommend approval of stop signs in all directions at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and 18th Street.

AYES: D’Amico, Apostol, Acting Chair Kirschenbaum

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: DaGiau, Paralusz

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet stated that this item will be a resolution for the installation of stop signs in all directions at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and 18th Street and that it would likely go to the City Council Meeting on their Consent Calendar on September 20, 2022.

07/28/22-5 Selection of a Representative and Alternate for the Outdoor Dining and Business Use Task Force

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum asked if the alternate will be attending the meetings with the representative.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet introduced **Community Development Director Carrie Tai** to present the staff report.

Director Tai presented the staff report. In Fall of 2021, the City Council requested that staff add a long-term Work Plan item to study the feasibility of long-term outdoor dining not only in the Public Right-Of-Way, but also on private property. On July 5, 2022, the City Council directed staff to convene a task force to help guide this Work Plan item. The task force will have 15 members; seat number 2 is for a representative from the Parking and Public Improvements Commission. **Director Tai** answered **Acting Chair Kirschenbaum's** previous question by stating there is nothing that prevents the alternate from attending every meeting; however, the alternate should be up-to-date on previous meeting notes and minutes in the event that they have to attend in-place of the designated representative. **Director Tai** further stated that the Work Plan discussion will go on for about one year (meetings would occur monthly), depending on the complexity of the issues that arise. **Director Tai** asked that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission discuss their levels of interest and select a representative and an alternate for the Outdoor Dining and Business Task Force.

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum opened discussion.

Commissioner Apostol stated that three of the Commissioner's terms would be expiring in the May of 2023 and asked if, for continuity, that these three Commissioners should not be a part of the task force. **Director Tai** responded that she did not want to discourage any of the Commissioners from being a part of the task force and provided some solutions to maintain continuity.

Commissioner D'Amico expressed interest in being a part of the task force.

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum stated that the task force was a good idea. He further stated that he was wary of voting at this time since two commission members were not present at the meeting. **Acting Chair Kirschenbaum** requested that this item be continued to the next meeting on August 25, 2022.

Director Tai stated that she was fine with the item going to the next meeting as long as it is voted on by then.

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet provided clarification to Commissioner Apostol's previous inquiry that the three commissioners are eligible for a second term.

This item will be continued at the August 25, 2022 Regular Meeting.

H. OTHER ITEMS

07/28/22-6 Staff Updates

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet provided the following staff updates:

- Outdoor Dining Update
- Slurry Seal Project Update
- Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Update
- Tree Section Resurfacing Project
- Bicycle lanes added on 15th Street
- Bicycle sharrows added on Highland Avenue
- Bicycle parking added in Downtown and North-End Areas
- Skechers Headquarters Update
- Mall Project Update

07/28/22-7 Commissioner Items

Acting Chair Kirschenbaum asked when the Hotel Project at the old El Torito site would be breaking ground. **Director Tai** responded that since they have not submitted for plan check yet, they are at least nine months out from starting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59p.m. to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission Regular Meeting on August 25, 2022 at 6:00p.m. via ZOOM Call.