

**MANHATTAN BEACH  
OUTDOOR DINING TASK FORCE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 30, 2023**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Director Talyn Mirzakhonian called the meeting to order at the hour of 1:07pm.

**B. PRESENTATION OF AGENDA, ROLL CALL, AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Senior Planner Jaehee Yoon welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda, including discussion topics for future meetings.

Roll call was taken and the following task force members were present for the meeting:

Joseph Ungoco – Planning Commission  
Bob DaGiau – Parking and Public Improvements Commission  
David Archer – Chamber of Commerce  
Maureen McBride – Chamber of Commerce  
Jill Lamkin – Downtown (DBPA)  
Jim Burton – Downtown resident  
Mike Simms – North MB (BID)  
Kimberlee Kelly – North MB resident  
Don Ziss – Commercial (MVSC)  
Harout (Harry) Ashikian – Commercial (Non-MVSC)  
Paul Mullin – At-large resident  
Bridgette Goodman – At-large resident  
Faith Lyons – At-large resident/business  
Peir Serota – At-large resident/business  
Audrey Judson – At-large resident/business

A motion was passed (unanimous) to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023 task force meeting.

**C. DISCUSSION**

**Living Streets Manual**

The City's Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet presented an overview of the Living Streets Manual. Questions and discussions ensued amongst the task force members and staff on the following:

- Street classifications as it relates to the living streets manual
- Changes to bike lanes to better accommodate e-bikes
- Possibility of widening sidewalks and installing bike lanes without removing parking spaces
- Outdoor dining areas in Hermosa Beach and how they differ from other cities like Manhattan Beach in that the City of Hermosa Beach does not have a Local Coastal Program

**Downtown Specific Plan**

Associate Planner Ted Faturos presented an overview of the Downtown Specific Plan. Questions and discussions ensued amongst the task force members and staff on the following:

- Developing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor outdoor dining on private property and associated impediments such as building code requirements and space limitations for lots in downtown
- In-lieu parking fees to satisfy parking requirements
- On-going effort by staff to update the parking code in Title 10 of the municipal code
- Lessons learned from the Downtown Specific Plan as it relates to Coastal Commission review and how staff is engaging in communications with Coastal Commission early on in the process
- Separation and safety measures between traffic and seating areas for the public regarding sidewalk extensions (i.e., “bump outs”)

### **Case Studies**

Senior Planner Yoon presented two case studies (i.e., Capitola and San Diego) on permanent outdoor dining programs that received Coastal Commission approval with modifications. Questions and discussions ensued amongst the task force members and staff on the following:

- Utilizing future street dining decks for public use during non-operating hours by the establishment as some only operate during certain hours of the day
- Required amendments to existing Planning entitlements if hours of operations or occupancy limits are modified for existing Use Permits
- Enclosed structures
- Use of electrical extensions
- Bike corrals and accommodating for e-bikes
- Consideration of bike valets as an option
- The number of parking spaces occupied by dining decks in Manhattan Beach and its percentage compared to the total number of public beach parking spaces
- Prototype versus custom design decks
- Possibility of off-setting replacement parking spaces by donating on-site private parking spaces
- Establishing a limit on sidewalk and/or street dining decks so as not to increase occupancy which may trigger additional parking requirements

### **Public Comment**

A comment was made by the public on thinking outside of the box and making use of underutilized spaces. Another comment was made that the City should address traffic issues with more people coming into the City post-Covid.

## **D. NEXT STEPS**

Senior Planner Yoon briefly went over future agenda items, which will be an overview of Building/Public Works/Fire Code requirements, as well as discussing questions that were not covered by the task force members due to time constraints. The next meeting date was confirmed as Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

## **E. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 3:00 PM and the next meeting will take place on June 27, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at a location to be determined.