

# BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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## COMMITTEE MINUTES

### A Meeting of the Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee of the Board of Directors

January 4, 2020 9 a.m.

Location: BCPUD office, 270 Elm Road, Bolinas

Committee Members: Bruce Bowser (Chair), Sherry Hirsch (Secretary), Sarah McNamara, Chuck McParland, Al Minvielle, Judith Shaw

### Agenda

1. Call to Order. At 9 a.m.
2. Roll. All Present.
3. Approve Minutes of December 7, 2019 meeting. [m/Al, s/Chuck, Yea 6, Nay 0]
4. Update roster of members' contact information: phone, mailing address and email. The draft roster was updated with member's mailing addresses and will be forwarded to BCPUD staff.
5. Report by committee members on items requiring follow-up from last meeting:
  - a. Communications regarding minutes, reporting to BCPUD board/community: Sherry reported feedback from Jennifer that minutes should be forwarded to BCPUD once approved and BCPUD will post on their website. It is up to us to post elsewhere.
  - b. BCPUD Board member participation on the committee: An email to members from Jennifer in answer to this request was essentially, no. The Board suggested that the committee present any questions or issues that arise for the Boards' consideration at the regular monthly meeting. In response, members of the committee voted to once again make this request as they still believe it is important to have a Board liaison and will make the request directly to Board members. Bruce will attend the January meeting stating that such involvement is crucial for the committee's validity. [m/Al, s/Chuck, Yea 6, Nay 0].
  - c. Coastal Commission's [CC] receptiveness to permit plan: Sherry reported on feedback obtained by email from Carey Lando, DPW staff who had in past stated that the CC might be receptive to residential permits. As members of the committee saw in Lando's 12.19 email she once again said that "they [CC staff] do not appear to express any significant concerns with the general concept...", however the details are important. She directed us to work with Rhonda Kutter at BOS Supervisor Rodoni's office. Sherry will follow up with Rhonda, however Al will follow-up directly with CC staff to see what kind of information he can glean. It is important that we not head off without more information as to under what conditions the CC would accept a residential permit parking plan.
  - d. Information regarding other coastal towns with permits/controls: Al reported on the conversations he has had with Santa Cruz city staff regarding their parking permit program and their difficulties in getting height/size limits restricting vehicle size. They also shared information on possible restrictions that can be used on parking adjacent to parks. Sarah shared a sign she found at Pleasure Point in Santa Cruz [Live Oak Beach Parking Program, Seasonal] showing "Permit Parking Only" on weekends and holidays, May through September and directs people to several locations where they can obtain permits. Judith shared information on Sausalito's permit structure.

e. Data gathered from Sheriff's logs and enforcement. To get a sense of enforcement efforts regarding parking, Sarah had a conversation with Emily Cushman at the Sheriff's office who sent Sarah an email regarding incident reports, parking complaints and citations issued. Essentially data for 2019 showed there were 116 calls for assistance for parking complaints /vehicle abatements [i.e. 72 hour etc.].

- Citations issued for the \$99 red zone were 150. More details can be found in the email sent to Sarah by Emily Cushman.
- Lack of resources for enforcement – one parking staff during the summer months for Stinson and Bolinas - limit efforts.
- There is almost no enforcement of distance requirement at corner of Brighton/Park, where vehicles continuously park, creating a hazardous situation.
- Takeaway from free ranging discussion regarding parking issues is to “Call the Sheriff” regarding infractions and to keep track of enforcement.
- Sarah also raised the issue regarding individuals parking and living in campers on private property under tax default, essentially private property not being managed by owner.
- Follow up with Code Compliance specialist at the County is needed so that Sheriff can enforce pertinent codes.

6. Vision of what a residential permit parking plan would look like – presentation by each committee member: All six members of the committee presented their vision. There was some divergence on area to be covered – all of Bolinas **versus** just downtown and on who would manage/distribute the permits, BCPUD or Sheriff?

- Ideas were shared regarding implementation, who gets them and how to manage visitors, hours, look of permits stickers and what are we limiting – overnight parking from when to when.
- The need to confront the Coastal Commission's mandate for access and “environmental justice was presented. This needs elaboration and further discussion!
- Phasing a plan was presented as a way to start. Cost and how it all would be paid for is an issue. Will permit fees cover or will county funds, grants be required?
- Sarah, who is connected to the Burning Man community, suggested looking at the Black Rock City Rangers for some ideas for developing community buy in for “rangering” and building on Bolinas history of taking care of itself.
- The committee will consider reaching out to Black Rock City rangers to ask that they participate in a moderated panel discussion on how this approach could meld with the needs and restrictions in Bolinas.
- More discussion is needed at next meeting.
- Al volunteered to synthesize a draft vision.

7. Encouraging community input/buy in for potential plan: From the vision discussion members expressed the sentiment that as the community 50 years ago developed a legal mechanism to protect Bolinas from development, it is now time to face current **conditions that threaten** the town.

- Managing parking will help and it will be necessary to get the Bolinas community to come together for a shared vision.
- Committee members will develop questions and design a survey to ask the community what they want. Bruce will ask BCPUD to include the survey, once developed, in the next BCPUD billing cycle.
- Committee members are interested in learning more about the Black Rock City experience and how it might inform our efforts.

8. Using Google folders for internal communications among members: Sarah gave a short tutorial on how members can use the Google drive function.
9. Community Expression (for items germane to this committee but not on the agenda). None.
10. Next Meeting Date. February 1, 2020. Meetings are to be first Saturday of the month.
11. Adjournment at 11:15 a.m. [m/Sherry, s/Chuck, Yea 6, Nay,]