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COMMITTEE MINUTES

A Meeting of the Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee of the Board of Directors
February 1, 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 January 4, 2020 meeting. [m/Al, s/Chuck, Yea 6, Nay 0]
4. Report by committee members requiring follow-up from last meeting.
 - a. BCPUD Board member participation on the committee: Bruce attended the January BCPUD Board meeting to make request. The Board supports the committee but once again said that they cannot appoint a member to the committee. They will allocate funds for survey mailing. By consensus, it was decided to invite individual Board members to a meeting. Bruce will make the first “ask.”
 - b. Coastal Commission’s receptiveness to permit plan: Al decided to hold off on contacting Coastal Commission staff until Sherry explored going through the County route. Sherry had been referred by Carey Lando from Public Works, to Rhonda Kutter in Rodoni’s office regarding obtaining a meeting with Coastal Commission staff. Rhonda requested that we first find out more details regarding prior permit parking efforts from BCPUD staff. Sherry will follow-up with Jennifer. Rhonda also said that the DPW sees no conflict with our effort moving concurrently with the current parking ordinance to be implemented. The Coastal Permit for the current plan is only valid for 2 years, so that our plan could be developed and ready to go at the end of 2021, what the County considers the current “pilot” restrictions.
 - c. Information regarding other coastal towns with permits/controls: Al reported on the extensive work he has done contacting other coastal areas Santa Cruz and Pleasure Point [unincorporated area of Santa Cruz].
 - Pleasure Point residents worked with their County Planning Department to develop a permit parking plan. There is a daytime permit with permits issued by a machine. Permits have a paid administrator.
 - Santa Cruz has height and/or length limits They have a 72-hour limit with a 1000’ distance requirement for movement.
 - Al plans to look into Half Moon Bay and report at next meeting.
 - Judith will follow up to determine activities and organization of the coastal counties, subset of the League of California Cities and the linkage to the Association of Coastal Villages. Sherry believes that Jennifer is representing BCPUD at this Association.
5. Vision: continuation of ideas of what a residential permit parking plan would look like: review of synthesis of ideas presented at prior meeting:

- The committee reviewed a letter by Jack Siedman, former BCPUD Chair, that appeared in the March 3, 2001 [page 3] issue of the *Hearsay*. At the time, the letter was follow-up to a BCPUD meeting about problems on the beach [before camping was prohibited] as well as on the streets. Then as now, the community offered divergent opinions on solutions. One emerging thought was the need for additional security. As a follow-up Jack offered the idea that this security could be provided by a paid staff who could work with the Sheriff. County Counsel at that time informed Jack that the town of Windsor had such an arrangement – a community service officer who could also check on residential permits for overnight parking. At that time Jack believed that the County might be willing to fund such a person. Because of limited resources currently available for enforcement by the Sheriff, this idea will be explored by the committee as well as the Black Rock City Ranger model.
- Al presented a synthesis of input from our committee. Members felt that Al had summarized their ideas. Sherry asked that he include her input: that in addition to overnight parking limits, daytime parking time limits be considered as an option for weekends and holidays. They would be another way to ensure turnover and therefore greater access. Chuck will update and prepare an edit of Al's synthesis for review at the next meeting.

6. Community input plans

a. Survey, review of questions, method of distribution: As reported, BCPUD will help with distribution. The committee also wants to make sure that residents outside of the BCPUD area, e.g. Horseshoe Hill, and others are surveyed as well. It was also suggested that we survey the number of onsite/off street parking spots which exist in the homes and businesses downtown. Judith offered to check with BCLT regarding the new housing on Wharf Road and with the bar regarding their parking after renovation. The survey will go to all the downtown businesses in addition to residents and all other stakeholders in town. Members will submit survey questions prior to next meeting so that they can be discussed.

b. Black Rock City Ranger ideas regarding developing community input and responsibility for implementation of idea: Some guidance may be sought from the Black Rock City Rangers, who monitor activities at the Burning Man community and who, while primarily focused on large events, may have some strategies that could be pertinent for our town, given the Bolinas history of self - reliance. Committee members will follow-up when we get further into the process.

7. Community Expression (for items germane to this committee but not on the agenda). None.

8. Next Meeting Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 9 a.m. at BCPUD office

9. Adjournment at 11:15 a.m. [m/Al, s/Sherry, Yea 6, Nay 0]