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COMMITTEE MINUTES 3.7.20

A Meeting of the Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee of the Board of Directors
March 7, 2020 9 a.m.
Location: BCPUD office, 270 Elm Road, Bolinas

1. Call to Order at 9:10 a.m.
2. Roll. All present
3. Approve Minutes of February 1, 2020 meeting. [m/Judy, s/Al, Yea 6, Nay 0]
4. Report by committee members requiring follow-up from last meeting:
 - a. BCPUD Board member participation on the committee: Bruce asked Don Smith from BCPUD Board to attend one of our meetings. He agreed, and date is to be determined.
 - b. Coastal Commission's receptiveness to permit plan: A meeting with Jennifer Blackman at BCPUD is scheduled for March 31. Sherry and Bruce will attend. This meeting is to determine process for a future meeting with Coastal Commission staff in order to assess the conditions under which a permit plan would be acceptable to the Commission.
 - c. Information regarding other coastal towns with permits/controls: Al has continued to follow-up with other towns, however there was no significant additional information since previous meetings. Judith was not able to follow up on the organization of Coastal cities. Sherry will ask Jennifer for information.
 - d. Information obtained regarding onsite/off-street parking in downtown area: Judith was able to talk to BCLT Director and Smiley's owner about available parking once construction is completed. Thus far, information shows at least 8 off street parking spots for 8 BCLT residents. There may be more. The Bar will have off street parking for Motel visitors and others, but number was not available at this point - and how Bar parking will co-exist with BCLT parking, next door. Survey questions will need to include finding out how many off-street parking spots exist for both residential and commercial operations downtown so that we can quantify what we have, assess need as well as potential impact of a permit parking plan.
5. Addressing environmental justice concerns in planning process: Past efforts to manage parking and traffic have been held back by the Coastal Commission and by some in the community because of a concern that putting into place some controls would affect access and the needs of the "unhoused" who park for long periods downtown. This concern has persisted despite the fact that this population is small compared to the influx of visitors who camp downtown, particularly on weekends and holidays. Nevertheless, the committee thinks that it is important to explore with the County what resources that can be dedicated to solve the problem as it is the County's responsibility. No decision was made as how to move forward.
6. Community input plans - Survey, review of questions, method of distribution: Sarah had prepared a format which incorporated some of the questions submitted by members.

Discussion centered on how broadly topics should be addressed. A prior BCPUD parking committee had produced a fairly comprehensive parking survey in 2015-2016, however the idea of residential permit parking was not addressed at that time. Sarah will complete incorporating survey questions for review at next meeting.

7. Enforcement strategies: Community Service Officer, etc.: There was some discussion regarding using paid community service staff to work with the Sheriff, or to just rely on residents to head up enforcement with the Sheriff. Bruce will follow up with Jack Siedman regarding 2001 Hearsay article he wrote, regarding community service staff idea to see whether this idea is still feasible.
8. Vision: continuation of ideas of what a residential permit parking plan would look like - review of updated synthesis of ideas presented at prior meeting: There was some discussion as to how focused a vision statement should be. In particular, how broad a plan should be developed – just focus on night time parking restrictions or include day use? What would be easiest to implement. What resources are available? What plan would be most likely to pass approval? Rather, than develop the full plan at this point, it was decided that we needed a short, one paragraph statement, similar to a mission statement. Sarah will bring back an edit of the first paragraph of Sherry’s draft.
9. Timeline – a timeline for activities was determined:
 - a. April -Survey format incorporating questions will be discussed at the meeting. Sarah will send to members in advance. Vision statement will be approved.
 - b. May- Meetings with key government stakeholders will be arranged: County, Fire Chief, Sheriff.
 - c. June – Survey will be distributed to the community.
 - d. July – meeting date for that month has to be confirmed due to the 4th Holiday. Activities to be determined.
10. Community Expression (for items germane to this committee but not on the agenda): None.
- 11 Next Meeting Date: April 4, 2020 at 9 a.m. at BCPUD office.
- 12.. Adjournment at 11:10 a.m. [m/Judith, s/Sarah, Yea 6, Nay 0]