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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee of the Board of Directors

September 17, 2021 4 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Committee Members: Bruce Bowser (Chair), Sherry Hirsch (Secretary), Chuck McParland Al Minvielle, Judith Shaw, Will Bartlett. Al Minvielle absent.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. At 4:10 pm using zoom
2. Roll. All members present except Al Minvielle, with Will Bartlett now member of Committee, and guest Lt. Brennan Collins West County Area Watch Commander
3. Conversation with Lt. Brennan Collins, West Marin Watch Commander re: enforcement of future/current parking ordinances and schedule of deputy coverage.

Our meeting date was changed to accommodate Lt. Collins schedule to discuss the above topic. A memo with several question had been sent to Lt. Collins in advance. We were able to address most of the items at this meeting. Collins first introduced himself: 16 years with the department with two in current position. He first asked the committee as to what members wanted. Members replies included: Enforcement to occur full time; resident access to beach on weekends; deputies aware of what they can enforce and pre-approval for enforcement.

Regarding items asked of Lt Collins:

- a. Sheriff support for permit program. The Sherriff is not opposed to permit program. They operate two small ones in the County. Their rules for obtaining permits is somewhat rigid as to who qualifies and for example short term rental guests most likely would not qualify nor would any resident's visitor. Bolinas needs flexibility. Collins said that if a local entity administers, the sheriff will enforce if program vetted as legal.
- b. Regarding full time coverage in town – it is not warranted by numbers, per the Lt. Part time coverage during high volume months makes sense, however he believed that it would be hard to find staff who will work that type of job. Members pushed back on that with belief finding people may be possible.
- c. What can be enforced, discussed. Under Measure X ordinance storage trailers, free standing, can be ticketed. Trailers attached to unhoued living in a vehicle are not enforced. The Ninth Circuit ruling governs most of what they are enforcing. And the definition of auto is ambiguous as it includes house cars. Lapsed registration can be enforced after 6 months. The 72-hour rule is also not enforceable under the Ninth Circuit ruling as well as not having a distance requirement.

Towing is hard as there are not companies willing to do so. Member Shaw stated that she believed Cheda in Pt Reyes would tow and will give him info. Member Hirsch asked if providing a safe parking spot for people to move to nearby would enable enforcement.

He didn't think it would fulfill requirements of 9th circuit decision. Member Hirsch will ask Supervisor Rodoni to get County Counsel opinion regarding that statement as it is a potential key element to enforcing the permit program.

d. Additional enforcement issues: The no overnight parking ordinance at the Brighton County Park is enforceable, although not being done so regularly. County Park staff work days so it will have to be a deputy. The collaborating agencies that can enforce laws are the National Park Service, Highway Patrol and State Park. Per Collins, Deputies enforce ordinances which are clearly able to be enforced such as red zones, etc., although members noted this has not always been the case.

Ticketing of resident vehicles (which has happened) parked in front of their own driveways (previously sent to Collins in list of questions) was not brought up at the meeting but was followed up by member Hirsch via email. His reply was that parking in front of a driveway is illegal and Deputies can ticket especially if the plate on the car does not show it to be registered to the address, although by law it is not legal even if registered to the address, although less likely.. Collins said he would let Deputies know resident concerns regarding the need to park there given the high volume of visitors in town.

4. Plan for proposed Committee member downtown "walk through" with Department of Public Works (DPW) staff to assess pedestrian safety issues. Members would like to try to arrange this meeting for a Friday when there are more people and hopefully on a big surf day. Member Hirsch will work with Supervisor Rodoni's staff to set up. Details will be discussed at next meeting. October dates were proposed, however after the meeting, DPW asked for different dates as yet to be determined.

5. Update regarding development of options for permit parking plan. A short discussion ensued about taking an inclusive community approach including looking at parking options to generate a trade-off for resident parking. Will Bartlett will put together an Idea statement regarding this option to be discussed at our next meeting. Member Hirsch will work on a summary of options once all are discussed by the Committee.

6. Approve Minutes of August 24, 2021 meeting

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

8. Next Meeting Date. Tuesday October 12, at 4 p.m. Zoom format.

9. Adjournment 5:45 p.m. [m/Sherry s/Chuck, Yea 5, Nay 0,]