

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

03.14.23 4:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. At 4:07pm using zoom.
2. Roll. All members present, except Al Minvielle.
3. Follow up re: next steps for county plan for development of parking ordinances. Members of the committee reported to the BCPUD board of directors at their 2.15.23 meeting regarding the options that Supervisor Rodoni set forth for the permit parking proposal. To recap they were:
 1. Move forward with just the residential permit parking proposal.
 2. Move forward with the residential permit parking and the 22- foot ordinance as proposed. (24 hours only on non-residential side of Brighton.) *and now in response to our concerns,*
 3. County staff will determine (after the parking committee has determined it will support the 22' ordinance) if the 22' ordinance can be reduced to A SHORTER TIME OF DAY (NIGHT TIME) and can be defended through the coastal permit and legal process. (There is no objection of the MCSO of this being adapted to specific hours).

At our February committee meeting we decided that all of the choices had risks, but that we should ask for option #3 and report this decision at the 2/15 BCPUD board meeting. After feedback from community members at the BCPUD meeting, we amended the decision for BCPUD to send to Supervisor Rodoni to read,

(At the February BCPUD board meeting) we heard from community members that while they support this new enforceable measure, they are concerned that detailing the length limit on the signage may not be constructive and may not be necessary to do so as the ordinance number may be sufficient as it is displayed in other areas of Marin County. They have requested that the 22-foot limit be incorporated in an ordinance but not added to the signage, the nighttime hours remain in place and signs stay up. The suggestion is that leaving the signs in place would provide continuity of messaging, still provide for enforcement and less work for DPW.

As of this committee meeting (3/14/23) we had not heard back from the county regarding the status of the permit program. Member Hirsch offered to contact Supervisor Rodoni re: this matter.

For the BCPUD meeting, committee member Minvielle also asked that a statement he crafted be read to members. He wanted the board members and the broader community to know that the permit program was originally designed to be a supplement to existing overnight parking restrictions and not the end point of the effort to manage the problems with traffic and parking in town. (SEE Addendum to these minutes.)

4. Follow up Bolinas Civic Group meeting. Chair Bowser gave a presentation at the first community meeting in February as to the committee's purpose. Given that the town and meeting are focused on the Waterhouse building and post office, we will hold off reporting until we get something specific to report regarding the permit program.

5. Other: Members discussed inviting the Sheriff's new West County Area Commander, Lt. Rock to speak with the committee re: enforcement. No definite plans were made. Additionally, the committee would like to ask the BCPUD board for a new member to take Don Smith's role as a participant in this committee.

6. Approve Minutes of February 13, 2023 meeting. All in favor.

7. Community Expression. None

8. Future Meeting Dates. Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 4 p.m. (cancelled)

9. Adjournment. At 5:30 p.m. (m/Hirsch, s/Bowser) all in favor.

ADDENDUM to be read at the 2.15.23 BCPUD Board Meeting

AI MINVIELLE ORAL STATEMENT TO BCPUD BOARD

The permit program that is being proposed by the county was originally conceived as a supplement to an ordinance that would restrict overnight parking /camping on our residential streets. The permit would exempt residents from the parking restrictions allowing them 24hour on street parking. Measure X was an attempt to implement a restrictive ordinance, but shortly after implementation the county/MSO determined X to be unenforceable. Subsequent to that determination numerous options for parking and permit regulations have been discussed but few have been fully investigated and remain options that need to be reviewed as possible management solutions. Among these are time limited parking, permitting of a limited number of unhoused, more restrictive parking ordinances, development of a community services officer for enforcement support or some combination of these. While the proposed parking permit program is helpful for residents and should move forward it does not address the issues of extensive camping, street behavior, storage vehicles and trailers, street enterprises, oversized and commercial vehicles. It does little to address the misuse of our residential streets. Measure X was a statement by the community that management of our town commons was desirable and should be acted upon. In the spirit of that initiative further action needs to be taken to protect this community resource and preserve the character of our down town area.