

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of the Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee of the Board of
06.13.23 4:00 pm Location: Via Zoom

Directors

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. At 4:05 pm using zoom.
2. Roll. All members present. Guests, Fire Chief Krakauer and Lt. Rock from MCSO via Zoom
3. Discussion Re: downtown parking/traffic with the supervisor of the Marin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) deputies in the West Marin area, Lieutenant Heather Rock.

In May, several members met informally with Lt. Rock. Members also walked through downtown with her and Deputy Swift, identifying issues. With the busy summer season upon us, the objective was to understand MCSO enforcement policies and procedures. This meeting was to clarify and confirm the committee's understanding what was learned from these meetings - how the deputies operate downtown. Lt Rock started in her position in West Marin in January, but not new to working in the area. This was an opportunity to get to know her as she will play an important role in the implementation of the new parking ordinances under development.

A written summary of this discussion will be presented at the next committee meeting and will be sent with the approved minutes of the June meeting to the BCPUD board where it also will be available on the website.. The general takeaway from the meeting was that a small number of deputies cover a large area, although their numbers slightly increase in the summer. As a result, they may not see or overlook problems. It also takes a significant amount of time to write tickets. That being said residents should call the non-emergency number or if urgent, 911 if they are concerned about something. Lt. Rock emphasized her commitment to ensure enforcement would occur where it was legal to do so. More details about this topic will be in the summary.

The topic of looking at reconfiguring the parking on Brighton Avenue to provide greater pedestrian safety and cut down on overnight parking was also discussed. Deputy Swift had brought this up on the walk. DPW staff had also previously suggested some ideas as well. At this time the committee focus is the permit program and new parking ordinances and does not have a sufficient number of members to pursue this important idea.

Member Minvielle expressed his concern that the hard work of community members to see some effective management of the parking situation downtown has fallen short as many of the ordinances cannot be enforced.

4. Updates re: county plan for development of parking ordinances. No word at this time.
5. BCPUD Board member participation on committee. In May, members expressed need for this participation.. As we get closer to a decision regarding the permit program, Measure X ordinance and new parking ordinances, members felt it important to have board involvement specifically in meetings with county officials. The committee presented this request at the BCPUD 5/17/23 meeting agenda. No member of the BCPUD board was able to participate due to other commitments and stated that this role would be filled by the General Manager.
6. Approve Minutes of May 9, 2023 meeting. (m/Minvielle, s/McParland) All in favor. – MCSO Summary Attached
7. Community Expression: None
8. Future Meeting Dates. Tentative meeting July 11, 2023 4 p.m. depends on member availability
9. Adjournment. At 5:40 p.m. (m/Hirsch, s/Bowser) all in favor.