

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of the Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee of the Board of Directors 07.09.24 4:00 pm Location: Via Zoom

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. At 4:05 pm using zoom.
2. Roll. All members present. One visitor.
3. Update on pending Marin County Department of Public Works (DPW) Bolinas downtown parking ordinances.

There is no new information from DPW or the County. The committee has asked for a meeting with Supervisor Rodoni to find out progress and are awaiting to hear about a date.

Our visitor, a resident of an area to be affected by new ordinances, had several questions related to the proposed ordinances and current 72- hour new requirement of moving 500 feet. She was also concerned about how these ordinances would affect the unhoused. The areas discussed were:

a.72 hour and how it would be enforced. As reported at our May meeting, the committee became aware then that the Board of Supervisors voted in April to add the requirement to move 500 feet to the current 72-hour parking restriction. The committee was not involved in the development of this requirement which covers all areas of the unincorporated portion of the county, not just Bolinas. In prior conversations with the county staff, it was clear that the 72- hour law was not enforceable without some length requirement, so this is clearly needed. Because the county has a policy of not criminalizing being unhoused, there may not be a significant impact on this population. For the most part citations will most likely occur when a resident complains. There is a 72 -hour requirement in the permit program as MCSO (the Sheriff) has that as a proforma rule for all their permit programs, all of which are hourly restrictions during the day. It is geared towards individuals dumping vehicles on the streets.

b.What is the purpose of the new ordinances, was another question. Purpose is manifold: provide some relief to the residents who live adjacent to the beach entrances, particularly in the evening when visitors camp in front of resident's homes; limit the amount of camping downtown as the town does not have the infrastructure to support it; free up parking to increase access for day use; provide some element of management to the use of the town streets. The Wharf Road proposed ordinance on vehicle size limit at all times addresses the hazard of large vehicles parking on the narrow portion of the street. The new ordinances are targeted to specific areas to address the issues in those areas. They do not cover all of downtown.

c.Effect on the large number of visitors coming into town during the day was another question. The new ordinances do not directly address this, except that it removes some of the areas for visitors to set up camp so decreases the number of visitors seeking a free camp site. The committee had suggested a shuttle system, and that option has not yet been fully explored. The Coastal Commission is very adamant regarding not limiting access and they would like to see greater parking availability, so this is an open question to be resolved. The Coastal Commission also limited the scope of the proposed ordinances because of the issue of access.

4. Approve Minutes. 05.07.24 meeting. McParland m/Minvielle/s All in favor.
5. Community Expression. Discussed in Item #3.
6. Future Meeting Dates. To Be Determined
7. Adjournment. At 5:00 p.m. (m/Minvielle s/Hirsch) all in favor.