



Ocean Beach Planning Board

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 / Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT (Checked if in attendance / # represents district / Note of arrival time in box if late)			
X 1E Tracy Dezenzo	X 3E Virginia Wilson	X 5E Numan Stotz	X 7E Nicole Ueno
X 1O Melanie Boda (6:55 pm)	X 3O Chris Chalupsky	X 5O George McCalla	__ 7O vacant
X 2E Jane Gawronski	X 4E Anthony Ciulla	X 6E Kevin Hastings	X ALE Andrea Schlageter
X 2O Richard Merriman (6:45 pm)	X 4O Craig Klein	X 6O Tom Gawronski	__ ALO vacant

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07 PM / ADJOURN 7:26 PM

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS & CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

TD/JG 11/0/0

MINUTES MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

CC/JG 11/0/0 Approved with Chris' email changes

REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

<https://youtu.be/aTKUnfz-DGU?t=3>

City Council President, Jennifer Campbell, District 2 – Teddy Martinez

- Get your vaccine
- Council in recess until September
- Funding from excess commercial paper to Bermuda stairs
- OB Pier working group this Friday
- Jr. Lifeguard jump August 16
- Proclamation for Padre's Tatis Jr. all-star day

CK: Code investigation on Luigi's code issue. Wants Council to come in and enforce. **TM:** Will check in about it and let you know

Nanci Kelly: Vendor update? **TM:** Still movement. Looking at September. Will forward the draft to us as soon as they get it.

NS: Expressed dismay about vendor situation. There's no walkway. Can't bring his kids. Nuisance.

KH: Regarding vendors ordinance. Can we look forward to a bullet point list prior to it going to council? **TM:** We know where you all stand on it. They will try to move forward with what they know plus the vendors. May not be a community review. Will look like the previous ordinance.

Susan Booth: Is the OB Pier Working group open to the public? How can we participate? **TM:** Not yet, but there will public meetings.

Senator Toni Atkins – Cole Reed

- \$8.4 million for the pier



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- \$100+ million for homelessness
- \$27.3 first year
- \$50 million pure water project
- \$2.5 million Billie Jean King tennis courts
- \$1 million gun violence restraining order
- \$18 million San Vicente pump station (energy storage)
- \$35 million Scripps research vessel
- Hillcrest Medical Center
- Government grants for sea level study

A list of San Diego Budget wins can be found here: <https://sd39.senate.ca.gov/news/20210721-big-budget-wins-san-diego>

Laura Denison: Water crisis in California is there an initiative for sea water reclamation. **Cole:** Private. More investment in water recycling. **LD:** Wave action in Orkney Islands North of Scotland can we do something like that? **Cole:** Can investigate it.

Mayor Todd Gloria – Kohta Zaiser

- Homes for All Initiative meeting, noon-2 tomorrow
- Hired a new director of homelessness solutions and developed a department for it
- Apply to serve on board/commission <https://onboard.sandiego.gov/>

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/aTKUnfz-DGU?t=715>

- **Nanci Kelly:** Would like to ride her bike around OB. Why is Bacon and Cable not one way? **AS:** Have discussed multiple times on transportation committee agenda. Has received pushback but it hasn't fallen off our minds. Contact Tracy for Transportation Committee agenda discussion.
- **OB Library, Helene Idels:** OB Library expansion team should be contacting the Board **AS:** Yes, send me the info

AGENDA

Action Item #1: CIP List and Prioritization

<https://youtu.be/aTKUnfz-DGU?t=927>

The board finalized its list of CIPs and their prioritization. The following list was presented to the Board with their priority numbers:

- Priority 1: Pier retrofit or replacement including addition of marine education center, wave energy capture, improved bathrooms, extend stairs down to the beach
- Priority 1: Lifeguard / Police substation tower including safe, monitored and ADA compliant restrooms
- Priority 1: OB Library expansion and upgrade
- Priority 3 ADA access paths/mats to the shoreline in the following locations: Dog Beach, Volleyball courts off Spray Street, Lifeguard tower area or Saratoga Park, Cape May
- Priority 4: Storm drain repair and retrofitting to address flooding and sea level rise
- Priority 5: OB Rec Center improvements
- Priority 5: OB Parks: Saratoga Beach Park, Spray St Park (Brighton Ave), Veteran's Plaza, and Ebers St Park improvements previously requested in our recent parks proposal
- Priority 6: Estuary project: Fencing to protect wildlife from pedestrians and canines
- Priority 6: Rebuild/replace the public access stairs south of the pier up to Niagara/Narraganset alley



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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Dennison: Are you talking about the wooden stairs or the concrete stairs? **KH:** Wood stairs. It's all public right away. **LD:** Allen Keebler owner of Silver Spray. Has anyone contacted him? **KH:** It's public property and he doesn't have a say.

TD/AC Motion: Approve this list with its priorities

Yea: CC AC TD JG TG KH CK GM AS NS NU VW **Nay:** none **Absent from vote:** MB RM
Motion passes 12/0/0

Action Item #2: Replacing Car Parking with Bicycle Parking

<https://youtu.be/aTKUnfz-DGU?t=1519>

The Transportation Committee voted 6-0-0 to support the 2020 land development code update specifically for Municipal Code Section 142.0530 in Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 5 - Parking regulations, Table 142-05 F, the Ocean Beach Planning Board Transportation Committee supports the update to replace minimum parking requirements with bicycle parking at a ratio of two bicycle parking spaces for every 1 vehicle parking spot. This item was tabled from the July meeting due to time constraints.

Andrea explained that this was a code update and that it will be coming up for vote in October.

BOARD COMMENT:

VW: Seems like you could have more than 2 bikes in a space. How did they decide on only 2? **AS:** we don't know

KH: Thinks this has been misrepresented. Read through the code update and it was very clear that it would allow a bike rack on public/private property or even count one that already exists somewhere else and not even on their lot. Could obliterate parking and expand tables into parking spaces. There is no language for restrictions. Not aware of a lack of bike parking. Seems to be a developer/business friendly proposition. The Board has always fought against removing parking. Doesn't think the board should support this and should fight it. It will restrict access.

CK, JG, and RM: Agree with Kevin

TD: Was presented without these additional stipulations to the Transportation Committee. As Kevin pointed out, the spots they remove don't have to contain the bike parking because the parking can be represented by another bike rack that is a certain distance away from the parking stall. Which means they can remove parking and not even have bikes parking there. Only way I would support this, is if we request that the removed spot must be used for bike parking?

AC: Agreed with TD, must contain and must be used for bike parking

CK: You can get at least 4 bikes in a space. Would only support this if it allowed for a greater number of spaces AND only allow 1 space for bike parking.

KH: Is unsure what type of businesses this would impact.

AC: Interested in the code. Can you send it?

CC: Couldn't find anything on it. Would defer to Transpo but sounds like they don't support it anymore.

Board members made suggestions that only one parking spot could be converted and that the removed space must contain the bike parking on the premises.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Luke Yarnall: in support of this action item. Would make it more inviting for biking.

From chat:

Susan Booth: I'm disabled and must drive to go anywhere. I wish there were more parking spaces set aside for the disabled.

Vmawi: That answers my question!

Mandy Havlik: Great points Kevin.

Nanci Kelly: I agree - it sounded good until Kevin explained - my thumbs up just went down

Luke Yarnall: I would challenge the assumption that more parking is always a good thing. A parking space that serves one person as they are parked for several hours, whereas a bike rack or outdoor seating can serve many people in the same time period. Moreover, people only drive so much on Newport or Voltaire because they think they can find parking there. Less parking creates a better environment for all of us walking and biking and skating there. Even with Kevin's comment I still support the action item. Thank you for your consideration.

KH/RM Motion: Send back to committee for further review

Yea: CC AC TD JG TG KH CK RM GM AS NS NU VW **Nay:** none **Abstain:** MB
Motion passes 13/0/1



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Action Item #3: Roundabouts on West Point Loma Blvd.

<https://youtu.be/aTKUnfz-DGU?t=2455>

The board will decide whether to ask for a traffic study to be done on West Point Loma Blvd. to evaluate for 3 roundabouts at Ebers St., Cable St., and Abbott St.

BOARD COMMENT:

AS: Request to remove Cable because of busses may not be able to go around a roundabout.

AC: Would like to get the traffic study done so we don't have to keep going back to the drawing board or hearing anecdotal info.

GM: Ebers has a traffic light. **AS:** There is no traffic light there.

KH: Wants to agree with AC but the City decided that Bacon would work and doesn't trust the judgement based on the singular roundabout decision. Agrees with TD that they work better in groups, but he doesn't trust the city to make the call.

VW: Study that encompasses the whole length of WPL and give recommendations to the entire street.

CC: Separate than Froude? **AS:** No. Separate study. **CC:** Is supportive of the whole length of WPL.

CK: We need a carefully drafted motion. Roundabouts at all intersections?

TD: Not in support of the singular roundabout at Bacon/WPL but am supportive of Abbott, Bacon, Cable and Ebers. Sunset Cliffs too but not sure if we could include it since it's so busy. Some feedback on OB Rag, suggested that if we don't do WPL/SC and Voltaire/SC then it wouldn't be effective. Not necessarily about traffic flow and movement, it's about safety, slowing the traffic. WPL is dangerous: curved, blind spots, hard to cross the street we need to slow the street and mitigate the traffic. Make this street safer. 100% in favor of requesting a traffic study to evaluate the entire length of WPL.

VW: Once the study is done that the City gives us recommendation for the combination they suggest.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

From chat:

Susan Booth: A roundabout at Ebers and WPL would not be good solution. It is a T-intersection with a stop sign on Ebers and no stop signs on WPL so the traffic on WPL flows past Ebers without any major problems. I live about 800 feet from that intersection and drive through that intersection several times a day. A roundabout at this intersection would slow down the flow of traffic. I like the idea of crosswalks with the flashing lights like the one on Chatsworth and Browning that was installed a couple of years ago.

AS/TD Motion: In support of vision zero, the Ocean Beach Planning Board would like to request a traffic study be done along the length of West Point Loma Blvd. between Abbott and Ebers to decide which traffic calming measures would be best, including but not limited to roundabouts, pedestrian crosswalks or other traffic calming measures.

Yea: MB CC AC TD JG TG CK RM GM AS NS NU VW **Nay:** KH

Motion passes 13/1/0

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<https://youtu.be/aTKUnfz-DGU?t=3795>

Chair: Sign up for presentation and pier working group. Ebers park will be agendized at OB Park and Recreation meeting (fence and water station). Per city will be reopened in September and we will be required to hold a live meeting. Per the city, everything is going to be open and we may be required to hold an in person meeting but the rec center is only open until 8pm.

Treasurer: \$1017.64. Thank you AC and AS for helping with reimbursements. We should be seeing a reimbursement check of \$343.55

Vice Chair: PRC meeting in two weeks. Asked DSD to start applying the correct codes in the coastal zones.



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LIAISON REPORTS

<https://youtu.be/aTKUnfz-DGU?t=4011>

San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture:

Apply to be a Fiscal Sponsors. Fiscal sponsors can offer administrative services to not-for-profit organizations in an effort to meet eligibility requirements under the CCSD funding guidelines. CCSD guidelines will be released in fall 2021 for projects occurring in fiscal year 2023 (between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023). <https://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding/fiscal-sponsorship>

San Diego/Tijuana are semifinalists in the 2024 WORLD DESIGN CAPITAL bid. The World Design Capital® (WDC), designated every two years by the World Design Organization™ (WDO), recognizes cities for their effective use of design to drive economic, social, cultural, and environmental development. The designated city showcases best practices in sustainable design-led urban policy and innovation that improve quality of life. We are competing against Moscow right now and the decision will be made in October, so cross your fingers for our bid. For more info visit <https://home2024.com>

OB Historical Society:

Currently no place to do presentations since their normal place is not open. Virtual only. Hoping to locate a place soon.

Community Forest Advisory Board:

SDRUF council. Presentation on a new focus to encouraging residents to plant on their private property.

OB Town Council:

4 vacancies on Town Council. Seeking applications from interested parties.

MB Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee:

Proposed changes to Dusty Rhoads Park presentation. Was unable to attend or get ahold of the plan **NU**: Has seen it, Council is requesting that the OBPB see the plan.

CDC:

Moving forward into fundraising for Veterans Plaza. Looking for community partners to donate. There is a great article in the OBPL Monthly about the project and looking to set up fundraising events.

SD International Airport:

Statewide search for airport public art manager opening at the airport. <https://arts.ca.gov/collective/san-diego-international-airport-san-diego-county-regional-airport-authority-244-2-airport-public-art-manager/>