

Minutes of the Ocean Beach Planning Board General Meeting

8/7/13

6:09: Meeting called to order. Present: Scott Therkalsen, Tom Gawronski, Giovanni Ingolia, Pete Ruscitti, Raeanon Hartigan, Andrew Waltz, Bill Bushe, Ronson Shamoun, Ginese Quann, C. Kevin Becker came in after agenda approval, John Ambert joined the board later, Ronnie left after action item 3.

Agenda approved 9-0-0

Minutes approved with modification 9-0-1

Relevant Representative Reports: Oversized vehicle ordinance has moved on to the Coastal Commission.

Action Item 1- John Ambert is appointed to the board 10-0-0

Action Item 2- SD Police Department Trailer Facility.

Lieutenant Stone provided background on the item: the trailer is a rental agreement run by OB main street association for the use of the Police Department. The trailer was installed as a temporary stop-gap measure when the police lost the storefront they had occupied on Newport Avenue. The trailer has been in place since 1999. The Coastal Commission has requested that the trailer be permitted. The last time this board saw this item it voted to approve the trailer until a better solution could be found. Because of an error in noticing this permit is before the board again today.

Public Comment – Craig and Julie Klein, and Denny Knox spoke in favor of keeping the trailer. Vince Adame and 2 others spoke against keeping the trailer in the current location.

1 member suggested the board be proactive and look for a better site.

Board Comment - Gio – the movement of the trailer is addressed in the precise plan and funding to include a police substation within a new lifeguard station is included within the Capital Improvement Projects report. We shouldn't focus on the trailer, instead we need to prioritize getting a new lifeguard tower to move the police substation into.

Later added a friendly amendment to C. Kevin Becker's motion limiting permit to 5 years and favoring a police/lifeguard combination structure.

Bill – reiterates that he is in favor of a police presence, would like a tour of the trailer.

Rae – Asked if the permit sought was temporary or permanent; noted that, although not the wording in the current application, it is possible to approve something on a temporary basis.

Later comment on the motion: said she would feel comfortable seeing what things are like in 5 years and would not be supportive again if plans for a new station are not in the works at that time

Tom – Noted that all these issues have been covered before, said the trailer needs to be where it is and no other options exist.

Scott – Noted that the last outcome of this item involved installing signage and working to find a better location, said that neither of these had been done. Said he felt since the temporary

trailer has been in place 14 years it won't be moved unless the issue is forced; recommended a very limited (2 year) permit to force community to find a solution.

Comment on the motion: said it was a copout delaying any real solution, favors a more time restrictive permit.

Ginese – wanted to know if all other options had been fully investigated. Was informed that no landlords will rent storefronts and that the police would accept a smaller version of the trailer and would move it to a different location but those options would cost money and take time.

Pete –comment on the motion: said we need to balance the needs of the community and yes a better place needs to be found but right now approving it is better than turning the police away from Ocean Beach.

Motion by C. Kevin, seconded by Ronnie to approve the permit as presented with an expiration date of 5 years from when the permit is issued with the understanding that it be moved when a more suitable location can be found, preferably to the new lifeguard facility. 10-1-0

Action Item 3 – Public Facilities Financing Plan

Oscar gave a presentation explaining the plan. The board chose the \$6,000 DIF fee for new development instead of the \$20,000 DIF fee in order to support possibilities for lower income builders. There have been some updates to the plan very recently, these have been vetted by the subcommittee and the OBPB financing subcommittee recommends approval. Pete explains that the prioritization list will be revisited in Fall 2013 so the document can still be changed.

Ginese moves to approve the Public Facilities Financing Plan, seconded by Rae 11-0-0

Discussion Item 1 – OB Precise Plan, CIP Priority List, OBCP Meeting

OB Town Council would like to hold a public forum, we suggest it be held in September. The board will review the final comments at the October board meeting

Steve had some public comments on the OB Precise Plan: the new parking IDEAS within the new plan are less specific than they are in the old plan. Specifically he noted tandem parking should be increased outside of the current overlay zone he noted tandem parking should be recommended for all OB.

CIP Priority list will be coming back to the board in the Fall.

Action Item 4 – Social Media Accounts

Pete reports that other organizations in town have accounts and this board has discussed the issue in the past and decided it was worth moving forward with with the understanding that our discussions/responses will occur at the official board meetings.

Gio Moves to let Pete set up Social Media accounts (Facebook and Twitter), seconded by Scott 10-0-0

Relevant board announcements: Historical Society and Italian fishermen!

Motion to adjourn by Pete (8:10), seconded by Rae. Approved 10-0-0