

Ocean Beach Planning Board

General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 7, 2019

Location: OB Recreation Center

MEMBERS PRESENT (Checked if in attendance / # represents district / Note of arrival time in box if late)			
X 1 Tracy Dezenzo	X 3 Virginia Wilson	X 5 Numan Stotz 6:10 pm	X 7 Andrea Schlageter
X 1 Bo Willsey 6:14 pm	__ 3 Vacant	X 5 George McCalla	X 7 Andrew Waltz
__ 2 Elizabeth Felando	X 4 Craig Klein 6:08 pm	X 6 Jane Gawronski	X AL Kevin Hastings
X 2 Richard Merriman	X 4 Anthony Ciulla	X 6 Dan Dennison	X AL Jenna Tatum

FINAL

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

ADJOURNED: 8:15 pm

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

JG/JT 10/0/1

Reasons for abstentions: member out of room

MINUTES MODIFICATIONS & APPROVAL

KH/GM 10/0/1

Reasons for abstentions: member out of room

REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Representatives in Attendance:

- Assemblyman Todd Gloria – Randy Wilde
- City Council District 2 Jennifer Campbell – Seamus Kennedy

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Colleen Dietzel: OB will be visited by the Housing Representative from the UN to look at our homeless situation.

ACTION ITEM #1: Dog Beach Accessibility Improvements Project (19:30)

DD/CK 12/1/1

Reasons for abstentions: Chair abstained

Motion: Recommend not approving this proposal at this time and we additionally recommend that ADA access improvements be placed on the berm that is in use now with people who have disabilities.

Friendly amendment: ADA access to be placed in a more appropriate location such as closer to the ocean/lifeguard tower/end of bike trail.

Background: Project was initiated because of an ADA non-compliance lawsuit. City presenters gave a presentation and showed diagrams of the proposal for renovation of the ADA ramp at dog beach plus

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parking lot restriping and asked for public input into the project. Project will cost \$1.1 million (construction \$400K). Going to bid.

Public: Asked about finding info about the lawsuit. Big price tag for a sidewalk. Budget breakdown?

Board: What are you going to do to stop the sand from encroaching on the ramp? Higher walls. Ramp is rarely used. It's a ramp to nowhere. Why isn't the bike lane being utilized as the ADA access to the beach/ocean – to enjoy a view? City said they were directed to do this and replace what was there. Many board members felt that while we support ADA access a majority didn't think that the existing ramp should be rebuilt and that other options should be looked at. Are other sections of the dog beach area going to be addressed? Yes. Sidewalk area, parking access will be addressed. Money should be prioritized for beach access stairs that have been in the works for more time. End of ramp ends up in a desert and is not the best location for a view. We should be making improvements to make something more desirable.

ACTION ITEM #2: Main Street Association Banner District (48:30)

DD/GM 12/0/2

Reasons for abstentions: Chair Abstained, KH stated he needed more info.

Motion: To support draft banner resolution as presented.

Background: Denny from OBMA presented a draft resolution to include other streets in the Banner District. Addition would be the Sunset Cliffs Banner District.

Board: OBMA will still manage the banners? Yes. No advertising/marketing? Yes. Denny stated that they would be attached to existing street lamps, no new locations. Money comes from OBMA general fund.

ACTION ITEM #3: Bacon/Santa Monica and Bacon/Niagara Traffic Calming (1:01:15)

KH/CK 14/0/0

Motion: Recommend that the transportation subcommittee do additional research, look at potential "place making" ideas for the diverter locations, and prepare renderings for a presentation to OBMA and OBTC for public and merchant feedback without recommending actual implementation at that time.

Background: Bacon and Newport is an extremely busy intersection. The TS proposes that adding traffic diverters could lessen the auto access and in turn make that intersection safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Public: OBMA wants to hear more about it. Thinks the merchants should have an opportunity to comment. Apprehension toward the project and the feasibility for large delivery trucks to deliver goods without difficulty. Would like to see drawings and a presentation. The directionality needs to be clearly presented.

Board: General consensus is that it should be vetted by OBMA and OBTC. Has an all way light been considered? Signals add delays, congestion, and emissions from stopped cars. Diverters are lower cost

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than lights. Presentation to Board seems a little premature. Would like to see revised and more thought out plans. Thinks it can hurt the Boards credibility if we present too early to other groups. It would be nice to have an experiment period with flex post diverters. In concept the idea is supported but would like to see more details but the OBMA and OBTC should also support it. Art centric, place making, beautify the area instead of just boulders and trashcans.

ACTION ITEM #4: Pier Safety Improvements (1:23:18)

KH/TD 14/0/0

Motion: Send a letter to the city recommending the installation of permanent, robust, physical barriers that are easily removable, to prevent access of unwanted vehicles to the pier yet allow delivery and emergency vehicles to gain access.

Background: Couple months ago an automobile, recklessly accessed the pier and injured pedestrians on the pier. The TS wanted to propose that adding bollards as a barrier to access would make the pier safer for pedestrians.

Public: Seamus mentioned that the city is unwilling to add something permanent for fear of slowing down any emergency vehicles. Is the pier structurally capable of vehicles on the pier. The pier is in pretty bad shape and there is concern over safety.

Board: Already a gate there but gate is only closed when pier is not open. Now that we have to worry about it, it's now become a public safety issue. Delivery trucks access. Trash trucks access. Maybe not put the bollards on the pier. Maybe put it on Niagara. Unfortunately, it's becoming a popular trend to find locations with many people and cause chaos. Maybe a modification of the pier gate so it allows people, wagons to gain access. Put them on the street, which is more structurally secure than the pier.

ACTION ITEM #5: Traffic Calming Measures on West Point Loma Blvd. (1:34:58)

CK/JT 14/0/0

Motion: To recommend that the city of San Diego study the feasibility of installing a roundabout (or traffic circle), with crosswalks as a traffic calming measure at the intersections of West Point Loma Blvd / Cable Street and West Point Loma Blvd / Abbott Street.

Background: TS has identified that WPL/Cable and WPL/Abbott could use traffic calming, pedestrian safety features and safe crossing areas for pedestrians. WPL is a curvy road that motorists speed down. Visibility of pedestrians is poor at those intersections due to the curviness of the road and the street parking.

Public: Climate Action Plan priorities roundabouts through the city. Islands from Circles create a safe place for pedestrians. One of the most dangerous intersections in OB. Would is nice to have an entrance ramp from SC into the park and use the WPL/Bacon for exit.

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Board: Will traffic back up around SC/WPL or anywhere on WPL and will contribute to gridlock? City will be resistant. Circle will slow it but not stop it. There is no way to cross when even traffic is moderate. Traffic Circle makes more sense for pedestrian safety. Will it incorporate crosswalks? Most new designs do. The source of some of this traffic is Robb Field must go that way. Recommend a new larger study for an onramp from 8 into the park would alleviate some of the traffic on WPL. City denied a crosswalk based on a survey – not enough pedestrians crossing – duh, because people are afraid. Bus turns onto Cable. Will this be an issue? The City will evaluate and determine.

ACTION ITEM #6: Support for the Coastal Communities Mayoral Candidates Forum (1:51:25)

AC/KH 14/0/0

Motion: Move that the OBPB be a participating member for the Coastal Communities Mayoral Candidate Forum on September 18, 2019.

Background: Many local organizations are supporting the forum. Focused on Coastal Issues. We can submit questions.

Board: Does not conflict with Council Policy. No.

INFORMATION ITEM #1: Future Public Outreach Possibilities (1:54:19)

Discussion of next outreach project idea: High school panel with local non-profit groups used to educate young people about what local organizations and representation is available to them and how can they become involved citizens.

Public: n/a

Board: Like the idea. Thinks there are a lot of young people who are concerned about their community. Suggest finding the right people who would like to participate and/or attend the forum. Maybe get student interns for the Board.

Resolution: Chair would support the formation of a standing subcommittee for community outreach and public relations. Asked that Members consider being on the subcommittee and Members will be voted in during the next scheduled Board meeting.

OFFICER / SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair Announcements & Correspondence:

AS: none

KH: CPC updated the CIP survey also discussed affordable/inclusionary housing requirements 15% to 20% units and double the in lieu fee. Attended the smart streetlights meeting 25 in OB. Mounted high up and point down. Mainly they are used for police use/crime investigation. Downtown is covered by them. They are already in place.

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Treasure Report: \$1,131.40. Announced that we also received a community grant of \$500 from the OB Town Council. Announced that all receipts given to Treasure for reimbursement need to be visibly clear (originals preferred). Receipts presented to Treasure for Street Fair/Chili Cook Off community outreach projects.

Secretary Report: none

LIAISON REPORTS: 1:59:45

Reports given by:

- OBPB Transportation Subcommittee: Transpo chair put out a request to see if anyone wanted to add themselves to the subcommittee since Dan left.
- San Diego Parks and Rec: A number of elementary schools have joint use facilities with the SD Parks/Rec. They are improving the areas around them.
- Community Planners Committee: see above chair report
- OB Historical Society: October 17, Saturday. City Guard Band playing on Point Loma Nazarene. 1896 was the last time they played.
- Mission Bay Park Committee: committee turn over. A huge amount of money available to be spent (which includes Dusty Rhoads). \$100 Million is available. Audubon Society talked about rewilding. Only 40 acres of wetland want to get it up to 80 acres. They also discussed sea level rising. Looking at water quality. No bike path repairs. OB Gateway? Probably not part of the \$100 million.
- Airport Advisory Committee: June 16th. Voted to recommend approval studies that look at jet departures to the east 230 – 1030pm. Look at the removing noise stops and study. Goal is to contain noise without removing procedures and routes.