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MINUTES

Community Plan/Local Coastal Program Ad Hoc Committee Monday November 4th, 2024 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Venice Public Library at 501 S. Venice Boulevard

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CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 PM

ROLL CALL WITH DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, if any:

Naomi Nightingale (Chair)	Edward Ferrer	Alix Gucovsky
Mark Mack	Frank Murphy	Robin Rudisill
Richard Stanger	Steve Williams	

Steve Williams and Ed Ferrer were absent..

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7th MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes of the October 7th meeting were approved.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

CHAIR REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Richard Stanger gave a PowerPoint presentation on the tabled items from the October 7th meeting. The tabled items were: 1) Increasing the number of parking meters, 2) Adding drop-off areas, and 3) Raising in-lieu parking fees. Each was reviewed and voted on in turn. The proposed recommendations are derived from City Planning's *Parking Utilization and Transportation Management Strategies Report, Venice Coastal Zone* Report by Fehr & Peers.
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- There were only three citizens present plus a VNC board member (Erica Moore) in spite of a VNC email blast sent out the day before. Alix Gucovsky and Erica Moore were concerned with the lack of business people at the meeting who they felt would be most affected by the issues before the Committee. It was decided to have the Committee vote on the items. Any business people interested could review the Committee's recommendations and attend the VNC meeting at which they would be addressed. The recommendations would not go to the VNC until at least its December meeting.

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1. Increase the number of parking meters:

Rationale for Proposed Recommendation: With certain exceptions, parking in most of Venice is free with no time limits. This makes finding spaces on commercial streets difficult because parking space turnover is not encouraged. LA Express parking meters (with its associated app) let drivers know where metered on-street and off-street parking is available and at what prices. Adding parking meters is a basic recommendation of the Report.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the VNC encourage the City to add LA Express Meters on streets shown in Figure 20 of the Report except there shall be no meters along residential property frontages or Oakwood Park. In-lieu parking fees could initially be used to help fund the new meters.

Approved 4-1.

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2. Provide designated drop-off and pick-up locations near the beach and along Abbot Kinney Boulevard:

Rational for Proposed Recommendation: The Report indicated that at certain locations having designated drop-off & pick-up locations would help visitor circulation and lessens traffic congestion from double parking. The Committee also felt this would help rideshare vehicles drop-off and pick-up their passengers.

Recommendation. It is recommended that the VNC encourage the City to add drop-off/pick-up locations near the beach near the western ends of Rose Avenue, N & S Venice Boulevard, and Washington Boulevard, as well as on Abbot Kinney Boulevard to provide visitors this option and to lessen double-parking.

Approved 4-1.

3. Raise in-lieu parking fees to reflect updated cost figures and modify program to lessen short-term financial impacts.

Rationale for Proposed Recommendation: The current in-lieu fee of \$18,000 per space was established in 2004 and the Report recommends raising the fee to \$36,500 and thereafter indexed to the cost to provide a parking space. The Report also suggests changing the program to a more affordable, but more complicated, Parking Credits Program which requires just an annual fee. There was a concern that it was uncertain how an annual fee would be collected.



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Recommendation: It is recommended that the VNC encourage the City to update in-lieu parking fees to 2024 costs to provide parking and to consider a “credit pool” system of annual in-lieu fee. **Approved 4-1.**

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fehr & Peers Report also addressed the parking requirements for residential and commercial land uses. Mr. Stanger gave a PowerPoint presentation on this issue.

4. Parking requirements within the Venice Coastal Zone:

Rational for Recommendation: The Fehr & Peers Report compared parking requirements for several coastal cities and determined that the Venice Coastal Zone required more parking for most land uses. Venice’s requirements should be more in-line with other coastal zone areas. However, the Report was done while and before several state mandated parking requirements were enacted, specifically AB 2097. Given this reality, the VNC should work with City Planning on this issue.

The Committee also felt that the present requirement for parking on single-family residential lots – lots 40 feet wide and above must have three on-site parking spaces – was too much for the narrower lots and effectively eliminated useable back yard space. Only lots above 40 feet in width should be required to have 3 parking spaces. The present requirements for public utility facilities (2 spaces plus an additional space for each 500 SF of facility) was also deemed too much for this type of land use (e.g., electric substations, pumping stations).

Recommendation: It is recommended that the VNC work with City Planning to modify the Venice Coastal Zone parking requirements to be more in line with those of other coastal cities as evidenced in Table 34 of the Fehr & Peers Report and given the realities of AB2097 not considered in its report. It is also recommended that:

- Single-Family Residential on-site parking requirements shall be only 2 spaces for all lots 40 feet or less in width, and
- Public Utility Facilities shall be limited to 2 spaces.

Approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 PM

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