

**City of Newport  
Parking Advisory Committee Minutes  
March 19, 2025**

<b>LOCATION:</b> CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL, 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT	
<b>Time Start:</b> 6:00 P.M.	<b>Time End:</b> 7:16 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	STAFF
Chair Janell Goplen (by video)	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Aaron Bretz	Sherrri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Gary Ripka (by video)	Jason Malloy, Police Chief
Bill Branigan	Coren Loper, Parking Enforcement Officer
Doretta Smith (by video)	
Lisa Emond	<b>PUBLIC</b>
Kevin Lewis (by video)	Ted Preedo
Robert Emond	Michelle Nice
	Amy Halland
	Stanley Morris
	Austin of Newport

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
<b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b>  a. Roll Call	Tokos reported that Aracelly Guevara resigned and would no longer be a member of the Committee.
<b>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</b>  a. Meeting minutes of February 19, 2025	Motion by Branigan, seconded by L. Emond to approve the minutes of February 19, 2025 as written. Motion carried unanimously with Goplen, Bretz, Branigan, Ripka, Smith, Lewis and L. Emond all voting in favor.
<b>Introduction of New Parking Enforcement Officer.</b>	Malloy introduced Coren Loper, Newport's new Parking Enforcement Officer.
<b>Nye Beach Outreach Update / Review Draft Parking Fee Resolution.</b>	<p>Tokos gave an update on the public outreach meeting held for Nye Beach residents.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the history of parking management in Newport; the Nye Beach Study results; the 2020 Council adoption of the Nye Beach recommendation; anticipated maintenance costs; impacts of the COVID pandemic; parking management vendor selection; parking management solutions by T2 Systems; the Bayfront parking budget; the Bayfront 6-month Council report; the Nye Beach "scaled down" parking concept; the Nye Beach turnaround parking lot; the Visual Arts Center (VAC) lot; permit parking rules and</p>


	<p>signage for portions of the VAC lot, Coast Street, Beach Drive and 3rd Street; the comparison between the Nye Beach Parking Study and the scaled down concept; if the Committee thought the contributions were equitable and sufficient to cover costs; Nye Beach parking investment needs; options on how to purchase electronic parking permits; and the timing for the changes to parking in Nye Beach projected to be on June 1, 2025.</p> <p>The Committee asked if the VAC parking lot would have ADA and employee parking spaces, and who they would be available to; how the VAC parking lot would be enforced; how a loading zone would be added in the resolution; addition of a loading zone and an ADA spot in front of the Sylvia Beach Hotel; how the plan would improve parking utilization in the area and generate funding to maintain the parking assets everyone was relying on; request to see if other coastal communities in Oregon charged for residential parking permits; and why the Committee was working on the parking program.</p> <p>The Committee was in general agreement on the concept.</p>
<b>Questions for Bayfront Parking Survey.</b>	<p>Tokos asked for input for the changes the City could make to improve the functionality of the paid parking program, and the types of improvements stakeholders would like to see implemented using the parking revenue on the Bayfront.</p> <p>Bretz thought they should ask what kind of infrastructure problems there were that need to be addressed, and look to get input on the parking signage.</p>
<b>Fiscal Year 2025-26 Goal Setting Discussion.</b>	<p>Tokos covered goal setting for fiscal year 2025-26 and answered questions from the Committee.</p>
<b>CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<p>Ted Preedo asked how the permits would work with license plate recognition. He noted that he was a member of the Art Guild and explained how hard it was for elderly volunteers to park and move their vehicles. Tokos responded the volunteers could get coupon codes like the VAC to park. Preedo requested a designated parking spot for them between 10am to 5pm.</p> <p>Michelle Nice gave feedback on the problems the parking meters on the Bayfront were having. She reported there was confusion on the QR Codes, parking meters, rules and signage. Nice stated the parking program had hurt her business with their sales being down 10% this past year. She felt the parking was hurting her business and she wanted the city to take out the meters.</p> <p>Amy Halland thought there should be an exemption for employee parking. She felt the fees were like subscription</p>

fees that they wouldn't get much out of. Halland felt like businesses were struggling and didn't want the town to turn into a "nowhere zone" because of the parking.

Stanley Morris asked if there will be a human element giving out tickets or if it would be all AI. Malloy reported the majority of the program had a human element. They only used the license recognition program to chalk tires and identify vehicles that were parking over time. Malloy noted they did more warnings than citations, which was their goal.

Austin of Newport, didn't believe the decision for parking was initiated by the citizens of Newport. He read his thoughts in opposition to the parking program to the Committee. Austin stated he would be looking into doing a ballot addendum on managed parking in Newport so the issue could better be resulted by the people. He would also be gathering signatures to bring it to a ballot vote for the people.

Submitted by:



Sherri Marineau, Executive Assistant

