

**City of Newport
Parking Advisory Committee Minutes
May 16, 2024**

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL, 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT	
Time Start: 6:00 P.M.	Time End: 6:58 P.M.

ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER	STAFF
Chair Janell Goplen (by video)	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Aracelly Guevara (absent, excused)	Sherri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Aaron Bretz	Donald Valentine, Community Service Officer (by video)
Gary Ripka (absent, excused)	
Bill Branigan	PUBLIC
Doretta Smith	Robert Hoefs
Robert Emond (by video)	Steve Palmer
	Kevin Ziegler
	Dianna Hewitt
	Susan Armstrong

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>a. Roll Call</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</p> <p>a. Meeting minutes of April 17, 2024</p>	<p>Motion by Branigan, seconded by Bretz to approve the minutes of April 17, 2024 as written. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.</p>
<p>STATUS REPORT ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE BAYFRONT PARKING METER AND REGULATORY SIGNS</p> <p>a. Discussion on status of the Bayfront parking meters and regulatory signs.</p> <p>b. Committee feedback and comments</p>	<p>Mr. Tokos gave an update on the status of the Bayfront parking meters and regulatory signs.</p> <p>Goplen noted she heard feedback that the height of the signs were too high. Tokos reported the street crews would adjust the signs to keep them at a height that wouldn't be a safety hazard.</p>
<p>PRELIMINARY DATA FROM THE BAYFRONT PARKING PROGRAM SINCE THE MAY 1ST LAUNCH DATE</p>	<p>Tokos reviewed the preliminary data from the Bayfront parking program.</p> <p>The Committee held discussions on active ePermits that were issued per zone; complaints on there being no reserved parking spots for permits when there was a lack of parking spaces in lots; contact with the Fisherman's wives through the Commercial Fishing</p>

	<p>Group; confirmation on where the parking budget was distributed; enforcement of overstayed vehicles; considering future options to dedicate certain lots for permit parking only; problems with kiosk programming and advance pay to park; one-time commercial fishing permits; purchasing history for staff on the Bayfront; reports on the transactions by pay stations and mobile pay; concerns that there should be more signs; confusion by the public on messaging that ADA placards weren't required to pay to park; and streets crew installation of signs that designate when someone was entering a pay to park area.</p>
<p>UPDATE ON CHANGES TO THE BAYFRONT MOBILEPAY/"TEXT TO PARK" PLATFORM</p>	<p>Tokos gave an update on the changes to the Bayfront Mobilepay/"Text to Park" platform.</p> <p>Tokos asked the Committee for input on if the loading zone by Marine Discovery Tours should be a bus zone location. Committee members were in general agreement to do so.</p> <p>Motion by Smith, seconded by Bretz to make the area next to the Marine Discovery Tours a combination bus and loading zone. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.</p> <p>Tokos asked for input on if a residential parking permit should be created after the two residents who lived in the apartment over the sushi restaurant on the Bayfront requested one. The Committee discussed if they should create a free permit for residents; whether the current permits for that area were too expensive at \$45 a month; how a residential permit for the Bayfront would affect the residential permits to come in Nye Beach; and whether they should stay with the status quo and require residents to purchase a permit to park in the lots on the Bayfront like everyone else. The Committee was in general agreement to maintain the status quo.</p>
<p>OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SHARE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE BAYFRONT ROLLOUT</p>	<p>Bretz reported that the Port was dealing with confusion on what areas were Port or City parking; the status of the Maritime Museum parking lot for Port parking; encouraging fishermen to utilize loading areas and then park in the Port parking lot; and using Port Dock 5 for loading.</p> <p>Tokos reported there was a complaint about Pacific Seafoods putting crates in the parking stalls and taking over the Bay Blvd lot. He also reported there were complaints about the need for restriping on the Bayfront. Tokos explained the street crews would be doing this when the weather was better. They hoped to do a stripping package and concrete sidewalk package together.</p>

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Hoefs (Newport) spoke on his concerns about the Bayfront parking program. He discussed his thoughts that the loading zones needed to be 60 minutes instead of 20-30 minutes; how his business profits were down \$2,000 from the previous year; problems with the wireless services on the Bayfront effecting the kiosks; having businesses post the cost of parking signs in their windows; and turning off fees for everything in the winter, including on weekends.

Steve Palmer (Newport) expressed concerns that people were not spending a lot of time on the Bayfront because of the pay to park, and it was hurting businesses. He reported people were having trouble paying for parking, and felt these issues, along with having to pay for parking, would mean people would stop coming to the Bayfront. He suggested the cost to park be changed to 30 or 40 cents, instead of \$1, and that there be parking passes for businesses.

Susan Armstrong (Newport) spoke to the Committee about her thoughts on the lack of adequate parking signs; the need for the city to post that parking was a \$1 an hour; confusion on which zone people were parking in; people not understanding they had to move to a different zone if they wanted to park for more than four hours; a report that her store's profits were down; the need for striping at the Fall Street lot; and a suggestion to have coupon codes for residents to park.

Kevin Ziegler (Newport) reported he parked in the green curb loading area and was issued a ticket while loading. He questioned if the parking program was created to make money or turn over parking.

Goplen suggested that Discover Newport and the Chamber of Commerce post messaging about the parking program and provide information on the pricing.

Submitted by: _____

Sherri Marineau

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