

**City of Newport
Parking Advisory Committee Minutes
August 20, 2025**

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL, 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT
Time Start: 6:00 P.M. Time End: 7:53 P.M.

ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER	STAFF
Chair Janell Goplen	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Aaron Bretz (by video)	Sherri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Gary Ripka	Jason Malloy, Police Chief
Bill Branigan (by video)	Chris Beatty, City Engineer
Doretta Smith (absent, excused)	
Lisa Emond	PUBLIC
Kevin Lewis	
Robert Emond	
Jocelyn Stooddy	
Doris Posner	

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL a. Roll Call	None.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES a. Meeting minutes of June 18, 2025	Motion by Lewis, seconded by Posner to approve the minutes of June 18, 2025 as written. Motion carried unanimously with Goplen, Branigan, Bretz, Emond, Lewis, and Posner all voting in favor.
REVIEW PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THE BAYFRONT SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.	City Engineer Chris Beatty reviewed the preliminary plans for the Bayfront sidewalk improvement project. The Committee discussed the various areas slated for improvements, including the gravel parking lot leased by the Port and its role in providing parking for commercial fishing operations. They reviewed CIP projects that Public Works is aiming to complete before the onset of inclement weather. Questions were raised about potential legal liability related to tripping hazards in the area. The Committee also discussed the need to gravel the road near Yaquina View Elementary School, and reviewed which

	graveled streets throughout the city have been earmarked for future paving.
DISCUSSION OF NYE BEACH PARKING CHANGES FOR OCTOBER OUTREACH.	Tokos provided an update on the draft City Council resolution. The Committee discussed several parking-related topics, including the use of vendor spaces in the Nye Beach turnaround area and the possibility of implementing angled parking. They reviewed how other jurisdictions manage paid parking without charging annual fees to residents, and considered whether the lot at Don and Ann Davis Park should be metered along with the Nye Beach Turnaround area. The Committee noted that parking would not be added to the grass area near Don and Ann Davis Park to preserve it for arts display. Public concerns about the introduction of paid parking in Nye Beach were acknowledged, and members emphasized the importance of clearly communicating the benefits and revenue potential of paid parking to the public. It was clarified that the PAC parking lot was designated as free parking. The Committee also discussed the maximum stay duration for the Nye Beach Turnaround, debating whether it should be reduced from 8 hours to 6 hours, but ultimately agreed to maintain the current limit and revisit the issue if needed. The Committee reached general consensus to set the cost of residential annual permits at \$35 for the Nye Beach Parking District, and to include Don and Ann Davis Park in the area designated for parking meters.
IMPACT OF THE CITY CENTER REVITALIZATION PLANNING EFFORT ON THE CITY CENTER PARKING DISTRICT.	Tokos provided an update on the City Center Revitalization planning effort. The Committee reviewed the boundary map of the City Center Design District and discussed how the City Center Parking District is situated within it. Members considered allowances for residential use on the first floor in commercial zone areas, noting exceptions where commercial businesses would still be required. Concerns were raised about residential projects not being required to provide off-street parking, though it was clarified that the State is directing jurisdictions to ease parking requirements for residential developments. The Committee also discussed the anticipated timing of development within the City Center Revitalization District.

PARKING CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES.

Chief Malloy reported on parking enforcement issues. He noted that parking ticket payments had dropped to 28% before being sent to collections.

The Committee was briefed on the boot program, which applies to vehicles with five or more unpaid citations or citations older than 45 days. Malloy shared that Parking Enforcement Officer Loper would be transitioning into a police officer role, and the position would need to be filled in October. He also reported that software updates to all pay stations were scheduled for October, enabling remote management from a computer.

Committee members asked whether data was available on where vehicles were coming from. Malloy responded that while the city did not have direct access to this information, it was noted that citations contain those details.

The Committee inquired about alternatives to booting, such as towing. Malloy confirmed towing is an option but emphasized the city's intent to remain consistent with the booting approach. The Committee also discussed possible reasons why individuals were not paying their parking tickets.

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE PROPOSAL FOR SCULPTURES ON THE BAYFRONT.

Robert Emond shared that the Public Art Committee was interested in placing sculptures and painting murals along the Bayfront, and requested input on suitable locations.

The Committee discussed the idea of creating sea lion sculptures for local artists to decorate and place throughout the city. Emond inquired whether parking funds could be used to match available arts funding. Tokos suggested this could be a good fit for tourist-oriented room tax funding.

Committee members proposed using art to identify parking areas, decorate restrooms, and enhance the area near the dock on the east side of the Bayfront. Additional suggested locations included the Abbey Street Pier, Bay Street Pier, and various spots along the boardwalk.

The Committee reached general agreement to explore potential locations for implementing public art along the Bayfront. Malloy advised against painting the pay stations. Members suggested painting sidewalks to designate parking areas but noted that ongoing maintenance of the paint could be a challenge.

Posner raised safety concerns about parking near the ball field at 8th Street and Nye Street, noting that vehicles parked on the corner were creating a dangerous situation. She requested that the area be reviewed.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT	None.

Submitted by: Sherri Marineau

Sherri Marineau, Executive Assistant