

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION
November 2, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
100 Avenida Presidio
San Clemente, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of San Clemente was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Wayne Eggleston, Michael Smith, Zhen Wu; Chair pro tem Michael Blackwell, Vice Chair Barton Crandell, Chair Donald Brown

Commissioners Absent: Jason Talley

Staff Present: Jim Pechous, City Planner
Cliff Jones, Associate Planner
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- A. Appoint a second member of the Planning Commission as a member of the Traffic Task Force

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR CRANDELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLACKWELL, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER SMITH TO SERVE ON THE TRAFFIC TASK FORCE.

5. MINUTES

- A. Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of October 19, 2016

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR CRANDELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLACKWELL, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2016,
AS SUBMITTED BY STAFF.

6. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION** - None

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - None

8. **PUBLIC HEARING** - None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2016 T-Zone Occupancy Count Update (Jones)

Cliff Jones, Associate Planner, narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "2016 T-Zone Parking Counts, dated November 2, 2016." A copy of the presentation is on file in Planning Division.

Public Testimony:

Jim Ruehlin, resident, suggested the annual parking pass price is a bargain as it allows drivers to store personal property on public land; recommended the Commission consider using the revenue from parking meters to improve the neighborhood such as repairing/installing sidewalks, improving the pedestrian/streets experience, installing bulb-outs, etc.

During the ensuing discussion the Commissioners, either individually or in agreement, provided the following commentary:

- Established from staff that efforts are ongoing to persuade private parking lot/business owners that opening their lots for Downtown business will benefit all.
- Suggested looking at each lot/small area individually and developing parking solutions specific to situations; endorsed efforts to encourage walking from area to area.
- Suggested staff consider conducting parking counts during other seasons as well, not just peak summer season.
- Suggested managing the area uses, such as avoiding all restaurants clumped together, as a tool for managing parking.
- Stated opposition to installing meters along Del Mar as it may negatively affect Downtown businesses in light of the fact that the outlet center has plenty of free parking; suggested Downtown merchants would be opposed to subsidizing/validating parking for their customers.
- Expressed concern that installing metered parking along Del Mar will negatively affect residential parking on nearby streets.

- Suggested small “motorcycle only” parking spaces to avoid motorcyclists taking an entire car-sized parking space.
- Suggested elimination of overnight parking in public spaces.
- Suggested installation of a parking structure either in the Downtown area or at the Pier Bowl.
- Stated opposition to installing parking structures in Pier Bowl due to negative public view impacts, loss of existing parking for extended period of time, little gain for tremendous cost, opposition from residents, etc.
- Supported the concept of City staff parking management team with participates from Planning, Police, Public Works so parking management efforts our coordinated.
- Suggested the public parking lots should be examined to consider if additional spaces could be added with re-striping, converting streets to “one way only”, and/or additional restrictions.
- Suggested annual passes in residential areas to discourage spillover parking in the event meters are installed in Downtown.
- Encouraged the Downtown Business Association “DBA” to poll its members for solutions, suggestions, feedback, etc.
- Requested staff gather data from other cities, look at parking solutions other cities have tried, and discuss solutions with neighboring cities and report back.
- Suggested staff pursue simple solutions to start, such as evaluating existing time limits, parking lot layouts, etc. to see if those would provide sufficient relief.
- Commented that the results do not indicate a pressing need to add parking; suggesting that even on the busiest days, there is parking to be had but it just might not be as convenient as it is on less busy days.
- Requested staff provide estimated timelines so that they have a feel for how long it takes to complete projects.
- Suggested staff look at Lot 6A and consider striping similar to Lot 5B to determine if additional spaces could be added.
- Suggested a map expanding the area of study up to 950 feet from destination.

Report received and filed.

B. 2016 North Beach Occupancy Count (Jones)

Associate Planner Jones narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, “2016 North Beach Parking Counts, dated November 2, 2016” A copy of the Presentation is on file in Planning Division.

Public Testimony:

Jim Ruehlin, resident, commended staff for the studies; cautioned against allowing a future public parking shortage negatively impact adjacent residential uses; commented that additional sidewalks are needed; encouraged enforcing prohibition against cars blocking sidewalks; encouraged use of garages for cars; related difficulties getting sheriff's deputies/parking enforcement to come out and enforce parking regulations.

During discussion the Commissioners, either individually or in agreement, provided the following commentary:

- Commented that the shuttle service coming this summer may help alleviate parking issues at North Beach and Downtown.
- Suggested additional study to examine the parking situation now that the Ole Hanson Beach Club is back in operation.
- Commented that view corridor issues and California Coastal Commission oversight need to be taken into consideration when developing solutions.
- Recommended that residential parking impacts need to be taken into consideration when developing solutions.
- Commented that a campaign requiring/encouraging residents to use their garages for their cars instead of storage has had results in the past and could be used for this area.
- Suggested expansion of the North Beach study area in the future to give the City a better picture of residential area transitions.
- Suggested a map expanding the area of study up to 950 feet from destination.
- Endorsed using RSVP personnel to issue parking citations.
- Suggested the City use its own personnel to issue parking citations rather than rely on the Sheriff's department.

Report received and filed.

The Commissioners commended Associate Planner Jones for the informative and well written reports; encouraged the efficient use of interns to provide the information.

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

11. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

- A. Tentative Future Agenda
- B. Zoning Administrator Minutes of 10-19-16

12. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR CRANDELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN AT 8:12 P.M. TO THE ADJOURNED REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 16, 2016, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 AVENIDA PRESIDIO, SAN CLEMENTE, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Brown, Chair

Attest:

Jim Pechous, City Planner

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