



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Business and Administrative Committee Meeting of January 13, 2022 was called to order at 9:30 a.m. On roll call all committee members were found to be present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Crampton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Member Lindsay and seconded by Chair Crampton to approve the Agenda. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

None.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Old Business

1. Proposed Parking Regulation Changes on the West Side of South Lake Drive to Improve Balance between Marina and Residential Needs and to Minimize the Potential of Adverse Impacts to Adjacent 400 Block Streets
Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager, suggested that as this environment was still new, we should wait before making long-term decisions regarding parking in the area, but there are some decisions that can be made at this time that will not affect the operations of the Marina but could provide some benefits to the residents in the area.

Mr. Boodheshwar reminded all that at the last meeting in December there was discussion regarding what can be done to mitigate any potential adverse impacts to the neighborhood, due to the fact that the new Marina and renovated park was attracting both residents and non-residents to the area to see the boats and enjoy the park along with their pets. He stated that the Town did not want to be reactive in its decision and wanted to be ready to implement policies that will improve the current situation. Ideas offered were possible overlaying some of the two-hour parking spaces, placard parking,

and consolidation of RPP areas. The west side of the street where all parking is dedicated to Marina operations 24/7 was also discussed. Public input, both favorable and otherwise, was received.

Mr. Boodheshwar reported that staff met with representatives of the Royal Park Homeowners' Association, specifically Gordon McCoun and Alan Eades, whose input represented most of the neighborhood constituents. These productive conversations actually led to a few resident driven ideas that we think will help to balance the residential and Marina needs. After continued conversations with the neighborhood residents, it became clear that they were not yet ready to make any firm decisions. A proposal was made to the Association to free up some of the parking on the west side during off peak hours for neighborhood and visitor usage. He stated that there are 56 spaces on the west side of S. Lake Drive dedicated 24/7 to Marina operations. The residents have communicated to us that the demand for Marina parking is less during the evenings and on weekends so we would like to modify the regulations for certain sections of the street. There are eight spaces which are currently Marina parking only to the south of the Brazilian lot entrance, these would become Marina parking only from 7AM to 6PM, Monday to Friday and open all other times. We will begin with these spaces as the operational impact on parking is unknown at this time. This will allow individuals who would normally park in the 2-hour spaces on the 400 blocks to use these spaces instead. Mr. Boodheshwar suggested that this change can be implemented administratively and immediately but if the Committee preferred they could forward it to the Town Council for their decision.

Member Lindsay expressed her appreciation for the work staff has done with the neighborhood as they are an important part of the Marina and the park. Carolyn Stone, Assistant Town Manager responded to Member Lindsay's query regarding parking being open all day Saturday and Sunday, that there is not as many vendors on the weekends as they normally do not work unless there is an emergency. Ms. Stone responded to Member Lindsay regarding staff parking, that there were four Marina staff members who need parking in the vicinity daily and as the number of vessels is not at capacity there are still a few spaces for staff. Member Lindsay requested that staff track the occupancy levels from Monday through Sunday during the peak times when the Marina is at or near capacity. Mr. Boodheshwar stated that the spaces were grouped closer to the bridge due to signage and creates less confusion for visitors to the park. Member Lindsay suggested clustering the parking in groups along the street.

Public Comment

Gordon McCoun, 434 Chilean Avenue, spoke regarding opening west side of the street earlier for free parking and the number of spaces needed.

John David Corey, 426 Australian Avenue, spoke regarding the parking plan along the Marina and in support of Staff's recommendation.

Mr. Boodheshwar summarized the Committee's recommendation as follows: nine spaces to be clustered in groups of three, limit Marina Parking Only on Mondays to Fridays from 7AM to 4PM and weekends two-hour free parking all day.

Chair Crampton agreed with Mr. Boodheshwar that we should continue to gather data regarding the parking along the Marina.

The Committee agreed that there is consensus to move forward with the Staff's recommendation with clustering the nine spaces in groups of three along the west side of S. Lake Drive, minimizing the signage and implementing the 7AM to 4PM Marina Parking Only and all other times two-hour free parking. This proposal will be forwarded to the Town Manager for his review and approval. After which the Mayor and Town Council will be advised of this action.

Gordon McCoun, 434 Chilean Avenue, reported that the RPP spaces were being used by non-residents. Mr. Boodheshwar remarked that Parking Enforcement will pay closer attention to this issue and will cite violators so these spaces will be available for the residents' use.

B. New Business

None

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Boodheshwar announced that we are now in the Cone of Silence regarding the Valet RFP that was issued. Two proposals were received and staff is now in negotiation with the top proposer and a recommendation will be brought to the Town Council in February with the valet program to be implemented on Worth Avenue by the end of February.

Mr. Boodheshwar also reminded the Committee about the space utilization studies, one during the off-peak season, which was done in September and the other in the peak season which will take place later this month and into early February, after which the data will be analyzed and the information will be provided to the Committee.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Lindsay and seconded by Chair Crampton to adjourn the Business and Administrative Committee Meeting of January 13, 2022 at 10:15 a.m. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Lewis S.W. Crampton, Chair

ATTEST:

Pat Gayle-Gordon, Acting Town Clerk

Date