



# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

## REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Business and Administrative Committee Meeting of March 11, 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

There were no communications from citizens.

### V. REGULAR AGENDA

#### A. Old Business

1. Update on Worth Avenue Parking Matters and Discussion Regarding Additional Options to Further Improve Parking and Traffic Concerns  
*Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager*

Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager, gave an update regarding the Worth Avenue parking issues. He reported that the short-term parking (30-minute) that was implemented seems to be working as planned in that it is creating quicker turnover, reducing the long-term parking that was normally used by employees and reducing traffic congestion. Staff has observed that there is still need for more short-term spaces and would like to recommend the addition of three (3) additional 30-minute spaces in each of the 200 and 300 blocks in 3-space sections. He also recommended that the current 6 space sections be broken into 3-space sections for more equitable distribution of short-term parking on the Avenue. Mr. Boodheshwar presented a diagram showing the spaces on the 200 and 300 blocks.

Member Lindsay expressed concern regarding commercial traffic on the Avenue.

Responding to Chair Crampton, Carla Marcote, Code/Parking Enforcement Specialist, Police Dept. explained the parking enforcement patrol process on Worth Avenue.

#### Public Comments

Richard Schlesinger, Owner of the Brazilian Court Hotel, spoke regarding the Town's Code relating to parking and stated that he would like to increase the parking capacity in the Hotel's lot using tandem/lift parking but the Town's Code does not allow it. He mentioned that the Town was allowing street parking on A1A for the users of the golf course.

Chair Crampton assured Mr. Schlesinger that the Committee would look at the possibility of allowing more parking at the hotel's lot as well as other lots in Town.

Responding to Member Lindsay, James Murphy, Assistant Director of PZB, spoke regarding the process for approving tandem parking. He stated that mechanical lifts are not approved for parking in Town.

Paul Thibeadeau, 205 Worth Avenue, spoke regarding parking on the 200 block of Worth Avenue.

Chair Crampton suggested that the recommendation to the Town Council should be to add three (3) additional parking spaces for a total of nine (9) on the 200 and 300 blocks and to spread out the existing six (6) 30-minute spaces to more adequately cover the 200 and 300 blocks on both sides of the street.

**Motion was made by Member Lindsay and seconded by Chair Crampton to consider optimizing the equity of the 30-minute spaces on both north and south sides of the road and being sensitive to the actual uses in which they are in front of with an eye towards moving these short-term spaces towards where there are more retail and quick turn opportunities as opposed to where people are actually coming in for a longer, like office, use. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Boodheswar stated that staff will continue to pursue the implementation of valet service on the 200 block and will request the Committee to consider expanding paid parking and prohibit the parking of non-delivery commercial vehicles on Worth Avenue. He further stated that the large trucks and vans do not fit into the parking spaces and occupy spaces that should be used by customers. He reported that the valet operators at 150 Worth Avenue and the Apollo lot operators were willing to work with Town staff to alleviate the parking on the Avenue by offering space to employees and the large trucks/vans

in the lots. He stated that there was inconsistent signage regarding the loading zones on the Avenue. This will be handled administratively by staff.

2. Update on Marina-Related Parking and Further Discussion Regarding Options for Minimizing Potential Adverse Impacts to Adjacent 400 Block Streets  
*Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager*

Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager, reported that at the February 8, 2022, council meeting, the Town Council approved the Committee's recommendation for permit parking on the west side of South Lake Drive. The nine (9) spaces designated are in 3-space clusters after 4:00 p.m., weekdays and all day on weekends. There seems to be a lot more visitors/vendors/customers using the west side of the street. Although the marina is over 90% leased, some vessels are still not docked so we have not experienced the real demand for parking on the westside of the street and in the lots. Residents have reported that they are not seeing the usual number of vendors parked on the street. This could be due to parking being closer to the Marina.

Mr. Boodheshwar stated that there are ongoing conversations with the residents regarding encroachment of commercial activity due to operations at the marina. He stated that currently the 400 block has the following RPP spaces:

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| Brazilian Ave:  | 19 RPP spaces available; 16 two-hour spaces available<br>27 resident decals issued      |
| Australian Ave: | 21 RPP spaces available; 17 two-hour spaces available<br>12 resident decals issued      |
| Chilean Ave:    | 17 RPP spaces available; 3 two-hour spaces available<br>24 resident decals issued       |
| Peruvian Ave:   | 43 RPP spaces available; No 1 or two-hour spaces available<br>31 resident decals issued |

Mr. Boodheshwar explained that there were different regulations on each street and referred to the map included in the backup. The regulations in the 400 blocks are as follows:

Brazilian Avenue

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| North side: | 2-hour free parking (6 spaces);<br>RPP: 9am-6pm, M-Sat (15 spaces) |
| South side: | 2-hour free parking (10 spaces)<br>RPP: 9am-6pm, M-Sat (4 spaces)  |

Australian Avenue

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| North side: | RPP: 24/7 (21 spaces)                                     |
| South side: | 2-hour free parking (17 spaces)<br>Loading zone (1 space) |

### Chilean Avenue

North side: 2-hour free parking (3 spaces)  
RPP: 9am-6pm, M-Sat (17 spaces)  
South side: 1-hour free parking (19 spaces)  
Loading zone (1 space)

### Peruvian Avenue

North side: RPP: 8am-8pm, M-Sat (21 spaces)  
South side: RPP: 8am-8pm, M-Sat (22) spaces)

Staff has been in contact with the Royal Park Homeowners Association who have stated that they are currently monitoring the parking situation and after the season they will poll their residents to get some feedback to better understand the impacts of parking and traffic. Chair Crampton stated that the Town welcomes any suggestions and will try to find more ways to make the parking situation better for the residents.

Member Lindsay commented regarding the number of RPP spaces available vs. the number of decals issued. Mr. Boodheshwar explained that the number of decals issued is not always indicative of the usage of parking spaces. Member Lindsay also commented on the regulations governing the different blocks. Responding to Chair Crampton's query regarding where valets are parking cars in the commercial areas of Town, Mr. Boodheshwar stated that would be handled at the next agenda item.

### Public Comments

Lynne Foster, 424 Brazilian Avenue, presented two (2) proposals regarding the addition of five (5) RPP spaces and the reduction of sixteen (16) free parking spaces in the 400 block of Brazilian Avenue. She also referred to various signs along the street which can prove to be challenging to understand when trying to find a parking space.

Kiwi Hilliard, 325 S. Lake Drive, spoke regarding vehicles with different street parking placards and service vehicles parking in the RPP spaces on S. Lake Drive.

Carla Marcote, Parking/Code Enforcement Specialist stated that the parking placards are issued for specific blocks on a street to the residents who reside on that street.

Mr. Boodheshwar explained that service vehicles are only allowed to be in an RPP space when the resident they are servicing gives them a parking placard and they have to park in front of the residence. He stated that another sign will be installed to make it clearer where the resident only spaces are located.

## **B. New Business**

### **1. Review of Evening Parking Space Utilization Studies**

*Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager*

Mr. Boodheshwar explained that the Parking Team carried out two (2) ten-day studies during the peak and off-peak seasons on several commercial/quasi-commercial streets.

The off-peak season study was conducted from September 1 through September 9, 2021 between 7pm and 9pm. He stated that the busiest spaces (over 50% occupied on at least 5 of the 10 days) were either paid metered (kiosk) spaces or one or two-hour free spaces. These spaces metered spaces were 100 blocks of Bradley Place, N. County Road and Peruvian Avenue and the 300 block of Peruvian Avenue. The one or two-hour free spaces included the 100 blocks of Bradley Place, Brazilian and Chilean Avenues, 200 block of Worth Avenue, 300 blocks of S. County Road, Sunset and Worth Avenues and the 400 blocks of Cocoanut Row and S. County Road.

The peak season study was conducted from January 10 through January 19, 2022 between 7pm and 9pm. The on-street usage was higher in the evening than during the off-peak season. The higher utilized areas included the RPP spaces on the 100 blocks of Chilean, Hammon and Peruvian Avenues and Main Street and Phipps Plaza; the metered spaces on the 100 blocks of Bradley Place, Hammon, N. County Road, 200 and 300 blocks of Peruvian; the one/two-hour free parking spaces on the 100 blocks of Bradley, Brazilian, Chilean, Hammon and Worth Avenues, 200 blocks of Royal Poinciana, Sunset and Worth Avenues, 300 blocks of S. County, Sunset and Worth and the 400 blocks of Cocoanut Row and S. County Road.

Member Lindsay commented that she would have liked to see the data graphically presented so that it would be easier to understand.

Chair Crampton queried if there were any problems with valets parking in the RPP spaces. Mr. Boodheshwar stated that the RPP spaces had different regulations regarding the enforced times and valets may be parking when the enforcement hours have expired. Member Lindsay stated that some residents park in free parking spaces to hold spaces for guests.

## **VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

There were none.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Member Lindsay and seconded by Chair Crampton to adjourn the Business and Administrative Committee meeting at 10:55 a.m. The Motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVED:

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Lewis S.W. Crampton, Chair

ATTEST:

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Pat Gayle-Gordon, Acting Town Clerk

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Date