Parking Study Advisory Committee

The Parking Study Advisory Committee met on the above date in the Council Chambers of Newport City Hall. In attendance were Fiona Parsons, Aaron Bretz, Linda Neigebauer, Roland Woodcock, Jeanne Bailey-Moe, Veronica Wellemin, Jody George, Gary Ripka, Jeff Lackey, Janet Webster, Lucinda Chapman, Laura Anderson, Susan Spencer, Peggy Hawker, Jason Malloy, Sharon Snow, Wendy Engler, Frank Geltner, Bill Branigan, Tom Webb, and Derrick Tokos.

CONFIRM MINUTES

MOTION was made by Neigebauer, seconded by Geltner, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

<u>Previous Meeting Follow-up Discussion</u>. - Tokos reported the Port of Newport parking payments are done under an Intergovernmental Agreement that needs to be updated, and the last payment was for 2017-2018. He added he will follow-up with the city finance department about fishermen with business licenses to sell off of the docks. He stated Apollos will likely be demolished after the summer, and renovations at Ripley's will begin soon.

Overview of Committee. Tokos reported in Newport there are three special parking areas, the Bayfront, City Center, and Nye Beach. He said each one has developed so that public parking is relied upon to meet parking needs. He explained in 2016, the city initiated a study to help understand how the parking areas are functioning and make recommendations for management. He said the study wrapped up in 2018, and the recommendation was to have metering in the Bayfront and parts of Nye Beach. He added the city found a general receptiveness to trying this in Bayfront, but Nye Beach is not comfortable with metering.

Bailey-Moe reported the petition signed by 30 business-owners in Nye Beach showed they are against metered parking. She said the group believes parking meters would have a negative impact and be a detriment to visitors. Webb suggested a seasonal approach in Nye Beach. Anderson said she supports metering in the Bayfront.

Revisions to Draft Amendments to Public Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Tokos introduced the agenda item. Neigebauer recommended changing the sentence "A key component is metering public parking in portions of the Bayfront and Nye Beach," on page 12. Tokos said he will clarify the Nye Beach portion. Webster suggested removing the study from the plan and referencing it in an appendix. Engler expressed concern with Nye Beach Structured Parking as a Capital Project. Webster suggested the introductory paragraph say potential capital projects rather than recommended. She added including language recognizing difference different districts and seasonality in Goal 3.

Tokos asked if the Parking Economic Improvement District in Nye Beach needs to be expanded. Geltner suggested moving the boundary line to Ninth Street, and Webster suggested Eighth Street. The committee agreed that changing the boundary is an option worth pursuing.

Tokos suggested the committee meet again to finish working through the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 P.M.