

**City of Newport
Parking Advisory Committee Minutes
February 19, 2025**

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL, 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT	
Time Start: 6:00 P.M.	Time End: 8:13 P.M.

ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER	STAFF
Chair Janell Goplen	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Aaron Bretz (absent, excused)	Sherri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Gary Ripka	
Bill Branigan (by video)	PUBLIC
Doretta Smith (absent, excused)	Chasse Davidson
Lisa Emond	Brian Rose
Kevin Lewis	Carol Ackerman
Robert Emond	Sandy Blackman
	Stanley Morris
	Bonnee Good

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>a. Roll Call</p>	<p>Tokos reported that Aracelly Guevara resigned and would no longer be on the committee.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</p> <p>a. Meeting minutes of January 15, 2025</p>	<p>Motion by Branigan, seconded by Ripka to approve the minutes of January 15, 2025 as written. Motion carried unanimously with Goplen, Branigan, Ripka, Lewis and Emond all voting in favor.</p>
<p>Nye Neighbors Outreach Meeting (Debrief and Discuss Next Steps).</p>	<p>Tokos gave an update on the Nye Neighborhood outreach meeting and presented the slideshow from the meeting.</p> <p>The Committee discussed questions concerning the no-parking parking zone being painted properly; the parking management boundary; parking permits and hourly limits for residential parking in Nye Beach; how to determine who was eligible for seasonal parking permits for residents; the VAC parking lot investment needs; ideas on types of validation and coupon codes for volunteer and business parking; adding an option for customers to call in to purchase parking; possibility of adding a loading zone near the VAC; 3 hour parking sign design and the timeline for implementation; costs for the project; and continued outreach to businesses.</p>

<p>FY 25/26 Parking Fund Budget and Capital Projects.</p>	<p>Tokos gave an update on the FY 25/26 Parking Fund Budget and Capital Projects.</p> <p>The Committee discussed options for off-season parking in Nye Beach; setting the meter pricing to \$1 an hour; and the capital funds budget and what is covered</p>
<p>Goal Setting.</p>	<p>This discussion was tabled in favor or opening up the public comment agenda item.</p>
<p>CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>Chasse Davidson, Director of the Visual Arts Center (VAC), spoke about her concerns about charging the public to park in their lot, and the financial barriers to charging to park. She expressed concerns that there was limited parking in the upper parking lot and the challenges of only being able to pay at the bottom level. She wanted to see a loading zone for their exhibit work that would be dropped off, which can take a day to deliver. Davidson asked the Committee to consider the impact of the parking program to community involvement. She noted her staff parked for 4 hours, not 3 hours. They had 60 events per year and was concerned about figuring these changes into this without discouraging anyone to participate with the VAC. Davidson was concerned that the public would expect the limited VAC staff to explain how the parking worked. She was also concerned there was no ADA parking there as well.</p> <p>Goplen wanted to see a different set of codes for events in Nye Beach. The committee discussed the challenges to having a validation code for customers at the VAC. Davidson wanted to see safety and maintenance of the turnaround addressed. She questioned if there would be permits for artists that would be painting murals in the turnaround area near the VAC, and thought there needed to be an ADA spot on the second level parking.</p> <p>Brian Rose, Newport, questioned why residents were being charged for parking in the area, and why they would be required to move their cars within 72 hours. He thought they should rethink this approach for full time residents in the Nye Beach area. Rose also thought they should look at the Don Davis parking lot because people parked there all day long. The Committee discussed ideas on how to address residents being able to park longer than 72 hours with parking permits.</p> <p>Carol Ackerman suggested that homeowners be issued stickers for their cars or a tag for their windshields to show they are residents. She noted she owned a private parking lot, and thought the parking program would take business away from her and would come at a cost. Ackerman questioned how the city would protect owners from people who didn't want to pay for parking from parking in their private parking lots.</p>

Sandy Blackman, Surfside Community Coop, noted most of their population was on Social Security and had low income housing. She didn't want to see the pay for parking expand in their area, and reminded that not all people had technology to purchase parking. Blackman thought pay to park should be seasonal.

Stanley Morris, Newport, grew up in Nye Beach and gave some figures for the per capita and medium household incomes for Newport. He thought this felt like class warfare, and questioned where the money was being spent. Emond reviewed where the limited parking funds came from for the City of Newport. He reminded that the parking program was being done for a change in the behavior in parking and to balance the best solutions for parking in the area.

Bonnee Good, Newport, pointed out that all of the talk was about money. This idea wasn't simple and had a lot of obstacles. Good noted when coming into Newport the signs say "the friendliest" but this didn't feel friendly to the residents, businesses and visitors. She thought they needed to go back to the drawing board on this.

Submitted by: _____

Sherri Marineau

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