

August 31, 2022
Pacifica City Council Special Meeting

Public Comments

Agenda Item 1 – Sharp Park Specific Plan

Written Comments Received By 12pm on 8/31/2022



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From: Coffey, Sarah
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 8:47 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Letter to council members and staff

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From: Lionel Emde [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 11:46 AM
To: Coffey, Sarah <scoffey@pacificacounty.gov>
Subject: Letter to council members and staff

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Dear Council members and staff,

It looks preordained that you will approve the Sharp Park Specific Plan at the next council meeting.

I believe spending money on west Sharp Park (or anywhere within the coming flood zone) to be an exercise in futility. According to the latest study by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) sea level will rise by 12 inches in 2050 no matter what we do. I saw nowhere in the staff reports consideration of this study, which was issued this year.

<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/hazards/sealevelrise/sealevelrise-tech-report.html>

Without current data, you are flying blindly into spending public money on a project with a very short effective time span, considering the long term.

Sincerely,
-Lionel Emde

[REDACTED]
Pacifica, CA

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From: Bob Haxo [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:18 PM
To: Murdock, Christian
Subject: Sharp Park Plan - San Jose Ave.

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Hello Christian,

Where online are the comments that were received regarding the Sharp Park Plan. I am hoping that the planners reviewed and commented on the public comments received.

I have a house on San Jose Ave and see that the plan is for 8' sidewalks on both sides of this street. I don't understand why there is any need for two sidewalks along San Jose Ave that are 8' wide! This isn't Palmetto Ave (where much of the sidewalk is <8' wide). The "San Jose Ave (existing)" Figure 4-6b (cross section) does not accurately represent the cross section along the street, and the overhead does not adequately represent the stretches of "missing" sidewalk. Those stretches are poor, but not missing.

Why doesn't The City improve the poor sections of sidewalk along the S side of San Jose Ave, fix the large sidewalk safety hazard at the dance studio, re-pave the failing road surface of San Jose Ave, paint several large arrows on the street pointing West (to give the wrong-way traffic even less of an excuse for their poor driving), and call it quits?

Regards,
Bob Haxo

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From: Tom Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 7:54 AM
To: Public Comment
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: August 31,2022 City Council Special Meeting, Agenda Item #1, Consideration of Adoption of the Sharp Park Specific Plan

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Honorable Pacifica City Council:

The Sharp Park Specific Plan (SPSP) is spot on. Investment is the key to converting the plan into real results.

I don't see that the plan has a statement regarding our intent to build a new seawall in the event of sea level rise. Please show me where, if I missed it.

Future investment in Sharp Park, to make the SPSP vision actually happen, requires we address this. Pacifica must commit as a policy, that if sea level rise threatens Sharp Park, then... Pacifica will make every effort to make a robust seawall north of the fishing pier happen. Who would invest in Sharp Park without this? The 2212 Beach Blvd hotel site alone make this commitment necessary. The tax revenue from this project is key to our fiscal health.

If sea level rise threatens Sharp Park here is what's at stake if we don't commit to a robust seawall:

Public Infrastructure Investment, like:

- 1) Streets, Roads & Sidewalks**
- 2) Beach Promenade, Coastal Trails & Beach Access**
- 3) Sewer, Gas, Water, electric, storm drain, cable & internet lines**
- 4) Affordable Golf Course & Free Fishing Pier**

5) Sewer pumping station at 2212 Beach Blvd serving 40% of Pacifica

6) City hall, library and many more public buildings

Private Investment like:

1) Over 1,000 of our most affordable homes

2) 100+ small businesses

3) Future Investment to make Palmetto a thriving walkable downtown district as shown in the SPSP

4) 2212 Beach Blvd Hotel creating tax streams for Pacifica's fiscal stability

Economic and Social Equity Justice Issues like:

1. Homeowners and small businesses have their nest eggs and retirement invested in Sharp Park

2. These same homeowners and businesses never dreamed their city might abandon them if sea level rise calls for a robust seawall north of the pier.

3. Access to affordable recreation like fishing, picnicking, golf & oceanside hiking trails

We need to add robust seawall language to the Sharp Park Specific Plan. I respectfully suggest:

In the event that sea level rise threatens Sharp Park, Pacifica is committed to making every effort to obtain design, funding, approval, and construction of a robust seawall to protect public and private infrastructure, homes, businesses and property.

Thank You

Thomas Thompson, Sharp Park Property Owner and Taxpayer For 33 Years

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