

Public Comments

Agenda Item #6



June 28, 2021
City Council Meeting

From: Jan Keaney [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Senior center

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I have been eagerly awaiting the reopening of the Pacifica Senior Center. It is so much a part of this community and meets many needs, both physical and social, for so many people. I understand that city hall services have or will soon be taking over this space for many more months as you retrofit the town hall. I ask that you revisit this plan. The community center has been closed for far too long as it is. Please reconsider!

Jan and Bill Keaney

[REDACTED]
Pacifica

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From: Edna Y.M. Lee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Community Center Use

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You will be eliminating the activity classes for Seniors in Action by moving City Hall staffers into the big room at the Community Center. I urge you to find an alternate place for the city employees. You should be supporting seniors to be more active.

Edna Lee
SIA Member for ten years

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Agenda Item #8



June 28, 2021
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From: David Whitney [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2021 5:03 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Steidle, Daniel; bautista@ci.pacifica.ca.us; Marquez, Ryan
Subject: Consideration: Item 8, Oversize Vehicle Parking Regulation-Road Segment Removed: Manor & Esplanade to Bill Drake Way

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I oppose removal of this segment at this time & held in abeyance until a suitable bike lane marking is established while no OSVs parked in area. Currently, lack of maintenance bicycle lane marking subjects bicycle riders to increased risk and OSVs parking more so.

In addition, in the past many RVs became permanent sanitation problem removed by current parking ordinance.

David Whitney
[REDACTED]
Pacifica, Ca 94044

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From: Thomas Jacquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Meeting Date (6/28/21) and Agenda Item No (8)

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Dear Pacifica City Council-

I hope this email finds you in good spirits. This email serves as a vote against the city's consideration for removal of Esplanade Avenue from the oversized vehicle ordinance. As a resident of Esplanade Avenue and tax paying citizen of San Mateo County, I do not support parking of oversized vehicles on our street.

My primary concern is a health and safety issue for our community. Oversized vehicle parking encourages overnight camping in front of our residencies and in turn, we are ultimately responsible for the cleaning up of illegal dumping, litter/trash which ends up in our yards, street and in our ocean. Furthermore, free parking for oversized vehicles compromises our already fragile coastline and encourages dumping of human and animal feces and urine on our street, beaches and ocean.

I understand that not all oversized vehicle owners contribute to these problems, but many do and it attracts other people who contribute to the problem.

As a solution, I encourage permitted parking on our street in which the residents would be happy to pay an annual fee. In turn, the income generated can go to saving our coastline, public services for individuals who do not have access to recology and disposal opportunities. Dear Pacifica City Council, I ask you to consider allowing oversized vehicles to park in front of your residencies as a alternative to parking in front ours.

Respectfully,
Thomas Jacquez
[REDACTED]

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From: Shelby jacquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: No for the removal of the No OVS

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Pacifica City Council,

My name is Shelby Jacquez and I am a tax paying resistant of the 500 block of Esplanade Ave. This email is a strong NO for removing the “no oversized vehicle parking” signs on our street. The signage has been a godsend to our street and ultimately a huge win for Pacifica.

I ask you to read below and then deeply consider what is best for the entire Pacific Manor. Before the signs we were dealing with

-A public health issue.

Human waste, urine and fecies were dumped daily by multiple vehicles. Not just one disrespectful citizen dumped their human waste but dozens. Water bottles full of urine and hypodermic needle's just discarded on the curbside. The curbside right out front of our homes

- A environmental issue.

Everyday OVS residents would dump and litter. Entire garage bags, countless fast food containers, old clothing, automotive parts, etc. All of it would wind up on the beach and ultimately in the ocean. We also live on a fragile street where Clift erosion is a real threat. The weight of OVS further threaten the stability of the cliffs.

- A public safely issue

TAX paying residents have been harassed. Yelled at and called horrific names. We have witnessed horrible fights, yelling and screaming. We have witnessed Police calls and 5150's. We have watched the Police take people away, leaving their camper on the street for weeks even months. We have watched people steal parts form abandoned vehicles and steal items from inside. Prior to the signs I would call the police once a week since the signs I have called 1 time in 1 year.

- A parking issue

We live next to the US postal office and the removal of the signs will once again impact where postal workers can park. Finally postal employees have places to park and no longer have to park in front of our homes and our driveways.

- We understand that one reason why the sign would removed is for bicyclists. Please consider the that removing the Signs will actually put bicyclist in danger. The overnight/oversized vehicles make it very dangerous for bicyclist. Massive mounds of sand get trapped between vehicles and their large tires. As a cyclists I would never ride my bike near the Esplanade Cliffside. Even if there is a designated bike lane, Bicyclists will always ride near the middle of the road, the sand it too dangerous. Lifting the signs will put more sand on the sidewalk and put cyclists more at risk.

In closing please consider that keeping the signs in place is the right call for Esplanade Ave, for the cyclists and for Pacifica.

Thank you
Shelby Jacquez

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From: Shelby jacquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Meeting Date (6/28/21) and Agenda Item No (8)

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- We understand that one reason why the signs would be removed is for bicyclists or rather that there is no bike lane at this time. Please consider that removing the Signs will actually put bicyclist and pedestrians in danger. The overnight/oversized vehicles make it very dangerous for bicyclist and pedestrians. Massive mounds of sand get trapped between vehicles and their large tires. As a cyclist I would never ride my bike near the Esplanade Cliffside the sand under a bike tire is a booby trap. Even if there is a designated bike lane, Bicyclists will always ride near the middle of the road, the sand is too

dangerous. Lifting the signs will trap more sand and invite more dangerous activity on the street. The entire idea is a lose lose

In closing please consider that keeping the signs... it is the right call for Esplanade Ave, for the cyclists and Pedestrians and for Pacifica.

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Shelby Jacquez

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From: Charlotte Mecozzi [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: City Council Meeting 6/28, Agenda Item #8 comment

[CAUTION: External Email]

Dear Pacifica City Council,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you to address my concerns and vote against the city's proposed plan to remove Esplanade Ave from the oversized vehicle ordinance. I am a home owning resident with two young children at [REDACTED] Esplanade Ave and have witnessed and experienced the health and safety issues that parking of oversized vehicles creates on our street. Additionally, I am a San Mateo County tax paying citizen, I frequent and support our local businesses, and contribute to the beautification and maintenance of our neighborhood (extensive home improvements, trash collection and dog waste collection along Esplanade, and assist with sand removal) to further support our economy and keep our city desirable for residents and tourists.

Previously, when oversized vehicles were permitted to park on our street there w significant health and safety issues that impacted the residents and visitors of Esplanade Ave. There was constant trash being dumped and blown along the street ultimately ending up in our ocean. There was extensive dog and human urine and feces littering our sidewalks, roads, and bluffs. There were used drug needles found in my driveway and front yard! These are just a few of the health issues that I experienced on a daily and weekly basis- making it a horrible area to raise young children. I didn't feel safe to let my children walk, bike, or scooter along Esplanade Ave or even play in our front yard or across the street on the public path with the number of RV dwellers that lived here on our ocean front street. The problem with the oversized vehicles being allowed to park on Esplanade is that they also draw in more people and homeless who contribute to the problem. I have personally been yelled at, had my life threatened (completely unprovoked), and chased by two different homeless men (leading me to call the police) who used to reside in this area when the rv dwellers were permitted here. This happened in front of my two young children, absolutely terrifying them- causing them to not want to leave our home to walk our dogs, go on bike rides, etc. constantly afraid that we would run into the unstable homeless men.

When the ordinance was implemented our neighborhood and street greatly improved. There has been less trash, feces and waste, people congregating doing drugs, and fewer negative interactions with drug addicts and those who are mentally unstable. My children and I, friends, neighbors, and family have been able to enjoy our coastline, walk our dogs feeling safe again, and frequent our local businesses without feeling threatened, disgusted, or worried for our own well being. I would hate to see our rights to a healthy and safe neighborhood taken away again, just as a way to amend the oversized vehicle lawsuit.

Please explain to me, that as a home owning and tax paying citizen why my family and I should not be able to enjoy the natural beauty of our street and neighborhood, yet RV dwellers, many of whom do not contribute positively toward the economy of our city, should have ocean front property? While I have sympathy for those who have fallen on hard times or aren't given equal resources or opportunities to better support themselves, I have difficulty seeing why giving them ocean front property to do whatever they please on, as a viable and respectful solution to the problem of homelessness.

As a solution to this problem, I am in favor of finding empty land or a designated lot where RV dwellers can park, which would include dumping stations and bathrooms. Additionally, to help offset the costs of doing this, I am in favor of permitted paid parking on our street in which the residents and renters could pay an annual fee. That fee and revenue for the city could go into creating public services and resources for the homeless and also toward saving our beloved coastline.

Your voting to revoke this ordinance allows RV dwellers the ability to create a wasteland on what could be such a desirable and economically prosperous neighborhood. I highly recommend you consider those who rent, own, and live and visit this part of town, when you are voting for or against the revoking of the oversized vehicle ordinance. And more importantly, I ask you to consider allowing oversized vehicles to park in front of your residences as a solution to the problem. If you don't want them in your neighborhood, then why should our neighborhood have to suffer?

Thank you for your consideration,

Charlotte and Daniel Mecozzi

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From: Sonia Sierra [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Residents on Dolphin Dr

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To whom it might concern;

My husband and I are homeowners on Dolphin Dr. We are horrified by the changes you are making by allowing RVs parking on Esplanade.

We have been cleaning out the beach and the streets every time we are walking. Having RVs allowed to park greatly increases the risk to have landfill ending up on the beach. Not only that but also there are health concerns with people defecating and urinating in the area.

We see on a daily basis people smoking in their cars and we have picked up over 50 in only 2h. With RVs there, is most likely to have tons more cigarettes ending up in the beaches as well.

Please, reconsider this. We are the people who are taking care of our streets, beaches, taxes, and maintain local businesses open.

Thank you,
- Sonia & Adam

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From: Irika Walters [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Meeting Date 6/28/2021, Agenda Item No. 8

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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Irika Walters and I live on Dolphin Drive in the Pacific Manor district of Pacifica. I have been a resident of Pacifica since the age of 1 year old, that is 47 years. I am now raising my 3 ½-year-old son with my husband, who has lived here his entire life growing up on Palmetto Ave. We are invested in this city and passionate about what happens here.

I am writing because I feel very passionate about the thought that the City Council will be removing the OSV signage from Esplanade Avenue allowing RVs and other large vehicles to once again park there. This is not about the RVs being unsightly this is about safety. While the RV Dwellers were allowed to park there, not even being cited for violating the 72-hour parking rule, there was an increase in the amount of garbage along Esplanade, there was a very pungent odor of urine, and not of the animal nature, there was no space to walk along the west side of the street because the RVs impeded on what sidewalk there is. The steps up to the RVs were left out for us to trip on; garbage bags were left out next to the RVs that we had to step over because they left no room to walk around them. The RVs and campers also shield other visitors from public view allowing them to litter and use the sand as their toilet. They also decrease the amount of parking available to people who live on Esplanade and visitors that come to see our beautiful City. The 3 garbage cans that are located on Esplanade between Manor and West Avalon are not maintained regularly and if they are they fill up with garbage so quickly with the RV Dwellers there they are constantly full leaving guests to toss their garbage on the ground. This is a health and safety issue, human waste is a health hazard and garbage attracts wild animals both bringing disease and unsafe conditions for residents, children, and visitors.

I am begging you to reconsider removing the OSV no parking signs. Since the RVs have been gone there is more parking, the street is cleaner, the people of the neighborhood feel safer walking around, there is no longer the smell of urine and there has been a noticeable decrease in the amount of feces along the beach. My family now enjoys daily walks and bike rides around our neighborhood free of worry about our health and safety. Nothing good is going to come of allowing the RV Dwellers to come back to Esplanade. If you allow this you are telling those of us that live on and around Esplanade that we do not matter, our thoughts and feeling about this issue are not important and we are the forgotten part of Pacifica.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Irika Walters

Dolphin Drive

Pacifica

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From: jay negandhi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 4:09 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Meeting Date (6/28/21) and Agenda Item No (8)

[CAUTION: External Email]

Name: Jay Negandhi
Addr: [REDACTED], Pacifica, CA 94044

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was recently made aware of the city's decision to allow Oversized vehicles on the Esplanade Ave. This decision will impact adversely to the residents on Esplanade Ave and I want to urge you to not make the change.

Thanks,
Jay

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From: Cynthia Pagan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Meeting Date: 6-28-21 item #8

[CAUTION: External Email]

Hello City Council Members.

First, thank you for passing the ordinance that no longer allows oversized vehicles on Esplanade. This was desperately needed and the impact was great. The residents and visitors alike stopped being met with a daily disgust of trash, both animal and human feces, and an overall cleaner environment. Is it perfect, no but it is far better than it was before the ordinance.

On your list of topics for tonight's meeting is the consideration of removing Esplanade from the no oversized vehicle list to make way for bike lanes. This is a horrible idea. There is no good reason to allow RV, mobile homes of any kind, including vans, or any other sizable vehicles to park in a residential neighborhood. As a property tax payer, we do not want to be faced with what we lived through just not that long ago. The vehicles that were parked there day in and day out were 99% full of people that had no good intentions when it came to cleanliness, health or safety. As a consequence, we as residents were left to complain endlessly and do some of the clean up ourselves. This is just wrong.

If Pacifica wants to allow oversized vehicles where people are allowed to take residence and stay for however long they want, perhaps considering one of the empty lots or parking lots in the city to welcome those folks; charge a fee and have a management system in place to address whatever issues may arise. This should not fall onto the taxpayers, especially now that a good amount of progress has been made. Bike lanes will not prohibit the oversized vehicles.

The homeless epidemic is worse today than it was a year ago. As terrible as that is, it should not be in our backyard. It is bad enough that at our own Safeway there are still so many problems that seem to go unaddressed either by Pacifica itself, the police, or even the business owners in that shopping center. There are needles, broken bottles, burning candles, trash of all kinds, etc. on both sides of the shopping center that no one seems to take ownership of. Why are we allowing these issues to persist? Removing Esplanade from this list will bring back the very poor conditions mentioned above and then some because with one comes many.

Bike lanes should exist but not in exchange for our neighborhood safety, cleanliness and health.

Amongst our neighbors on Esplanade, Dolphin, and W.Avalon the ban on oversized vehicles was just the beginning of cleaning up this area that we call home. We submitted a list of improvements over a year ago and obviously, Covid-19 stalled some of the progress for sure. Our intention is to continue to partner with you, City Council, and Pacifica City Management to continue the improvements that are desperately needed. The first impression to visitors and for our daily experience is not great. Why do we have chain link fencing, overflowing garbage cans, no movement of the "parklette" idea on the houseless lots owned by the city? It's not good and we want to help move the needle to improve the area. Rolling back the no oversized vehicles ordinance on Esplanade would be a major step backwards.

We understand that it is not easy but we do hope you understand how much we as a group care about this and do not ignore our rights as property tax payers not to mention the time, energy and care we all have taken over the last 3 years in particular to elevate our neighborhood. You have more new home owners on these three blocks in the last 7 or less years than you ever have which equates to more money for Pacifica and the county. The first exit to Pacifica should be welcoming and beautiful, not what it is today.

Thank you all for your time and energy.
Cynthia and Darren Badong

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