

Public Comments

Agenda Item #A – Study Session



August 9, 2021
City Council Meeting

From: Coffey, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: "Amplified" music should be OK outside if not too Loud.

From: Beckmeyer, Sue <beckmeyers@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Coffey, Sarah <scoffey@pacifica.gov>
Cc: Woodhouse, Kevin <kwoodhouse@pacifica.gov>; Wehrmeister, Tina <twehrmeister@pacifica.gov>
Subject: Fwd: "Amplified" music should be OK outside if not too Loud.

Hi Sarah,
Please add the email from Paul Snodgrass to the public comment for the Outdoor Dining ordinance item on the Council's August 9th agenda.
Thank you,
—Sue B.

From: Paul Snodgrass [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 10:40:30 AM
To: Beckmeyer, Sue <beckmeyers@ci.pacifica.ca.us>
Subject: "Amplified" music should be OK outside if not too Loud.

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I love the live music available in our town outside, such as at Grape in the Fog, Pacifica Brewery, Chit Chat Cafe, Winters and Longboard. Also hope Pacifica Performances return soon. This music draws locals and visitors to these business areas, and makes Pacifica less grey, more lively.

I hope this will not be ruined by the ordinance on "amplified" music outside. It should be based on noise level. Small amps used by musicians can be turned down if they're too loud.

Please allow live groups to play outside, just let businesses know to keep sound level down. Thank you!

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From: Carl Herder [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: 8/9/2021 Meeting, Outdoor Amplified Music Ordinance

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I wish to register opposition to a proposed ordinance requiring music outside restaurants, bars, cafes in Pacifica to be only "acoustic, not amplified". I believe that an ordinance to that effected would be bad policy for the following reasons:

1. Ordinances restricting behavior should be narrowly targeted to the problem being addressed. The problem being addressed by this ordinance is loudness of music. Therefore, the ordinance should regulate decibel level, not the presence of equipment that may or may not generate inappropriate loudness.
2. The proposed ordinance inappropriately regulates musical style, and discriminates between classes of performers. For example, an unamplified opera singer can perform effectively, but an unamplified folk singer cannot be heard. A brass band can perform for a large audience unamplified, but an acoustic guitar player cannot.
3. This ordinance hurts small businesses trying to survive the COVID pandemic. Outdoor music attracts customers to struggling local venues. This ordinance makes providing such entertainment unnecessarily difficult.
4. People love and need music.

I live directly behind a new café on Palmetto Avenue that offers live music events once a month...amplified. I have no problem with that, and I do not feel this regulation is called for. If the music is too loud, I ask them to turn down and they do. No problem. Please do not create a problem where there is none.

Yours Truly,
Carl Herder
[REDACTED]
Pacifica, 94044
[REDACTED]

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From: Coffey, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Outdoor Dining and Live Music

From: danielle s [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:36 PM
To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <scoffey@pacifica.gov>
Subject: Outdoor Dining and Live Music

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Good afternoon,

It has come to my attention that there is a city ordinance on the agenda for the next city council meeting requiring music outside restaurants, bars, cafes in Pacifica to be only “acoustic, not amplified”.

This language was likely meant to describe limiting the sound level of live outdoor music so as not to disturb nearby residents or businesses. There are some problems with this approach.

Firstly, “acoustic” and “not amplified” are not measures of sound level. For example, a brass band, drum corps, bagpipes, big band, concert orchestra are all kinds of unamplified music that can be much louder than a small jazz combo, solo guitar, keyboard, or singer that use electric instruments or microphones. If the intent is to limit volume, there can be a measurable decibel level standard, as in other noise ordinances.

Secondly, it seems the ordinance is selectively applied, being enforced only if there are complaints. If these complaints can be anonymous, which I am fairly certain they are, there is no way to verify their validity and no opportunity for the businesses to work out any conflicts with the person complaining.

There are several businesses in Pacifica adversely affected by this ordinance. A Grape In The Fog, in Rockaway Beach is located in the Rockaway Redevelopment District which specifically was designed for service industry businesses. The Pacifica Brewery (and its predecessor, The Surf Spot) have an outdoor stage and seating area incorporated in their original design and business plan specifically for live music.

I am a performing musician and this limits the places I can play and the kind of music I can present. This is true for many other musicians in our community. There is widespread support for live music in Pacifica. Quantifiable sound level requirements and time of day specifications are certainly appropriate. The recent complaint about the music at A Grape In The Fog that only takes place in the afternoon on the weekend, seems entirely frivolous. This is a well loved business that serves the community and visitors. The owner has managed to stay in business for more than ten years and throughout the pandemic while we have lost so many such businesses in the Bay Area. Live music there (and elsewhere in Pacifica) is an important draw for them. Please do not hurt these venues by narrow, restrictive regulation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Danielle Spandau

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From: Coffey, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Comment on ordinance that would restrict outdoor music

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence Arndt [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 9:38 AM
To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <scoffey@pacifica.gov>
Subject: Comment on ordinance that would restrict outdoor music

[CAUTION: External Email]

Hi, Neighbors.

I've heard that Council is considering an ordinance that will require music outside restaurants, bars, and cafes in Pacifica to be "acoustic, not amplified."

I'm a drummer and longtime Pacifica resident. Over the years, I have played with Ian Butler, Nancy Hall, and Don Rowell, and I'm now building my own band which includes fellow Pacificans.

If the objective of this proposed ordinance is to limit volume rather than to conserve electricity, it is misguided. I know from personal experience that a drummer with an acoustic kit can easily match the volume of most amplified musicians; in fact, it's necessary. Rather than banning amplified music, it would be more appropriate to apply a noise ordinance.

Pacifica is known around the Bay Area for, among other things, its creative community. One of the unexpected benefits of the pandemic has been an increase in outdoor dining and entertainment opportunities, and people do love to relax and socialize outdoors. It would be unfortunate — for merchants, residents, and visitors — if Pacifica were to needlessly restrict the range of music available outdoors in our unique city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Larry Arndt
[REDACTED]

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From: Coffey, Sarah
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Outdoor dining & entertainment in Pacifica

From: Rick Sanders Music [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 2:36 PM
To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <scoffey@pacifica.gov>
Subject: Re: Outdoor dining & entertainment in Pacifica

[CAUTION: External Email]

Hi there,

My name is Rick Sanders, and though I'm not a Pacifica resident, I consider myself a beneficiary of the music and culture in your city. In my 40s, I've been fortunate to be able to become a musical performer first as a singer (in Los Blizzardos, an Ozzy Osbourne tribute act) and then as a solo artist. One of my proudest early musical moments was performing at FogFest, which I've done twice.

More recently, I've been a regular performer as a solo acoustic guitarist and singer at A Grape in the Fog.

I address you as a musician, but I think that music has tremendous healing properties for people and our communities independent of musical background. As such, I applaud the efforts made by Pacifica businesses (and A Grape in the Fog in particular) to help find some sense of normalcy during these trying times, creating pandemic-safe events to reconnect as humans with an art form that is older than civilization itself.

A reality of performing music in these outdoor (and semi-public spaces) for most kinds of music is amplification, and I think low-volume events are particularly important to preserve in light of the additional restrictions we've all had to endure due to necessary health precautions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Rick Sanders

PS: Here is some footage of a Pacifica performance of mine earlier this year:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXA9U_DO_uY

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From: Donald Rowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: 8/9/21 study session, outdoor commercial activities and general meeting, oral communications

[CAUTION: External Email]

Please include these comments I have on regulation of outdoor music relating to this ordinance. I have sent these comments to Sue Beckmeyer and Mary Bier.

Having researched this some and thought about it, I would like to offer you some references and suggestions. Because sound levels are always in relation to ambient noise level, I suggest using a standard that I found in the San Francisco code for music on public streets and sidewalks, which states that such music shall be no greater than 10dbA above the ambient noise level, measured at 25 feet from the source. Since the Pacifica Draft Environmental Plan below shows The Grape In The Fog, for example, to be in the 65-70 db ambient noise level zone, the allowable maximum level would be 80dbA at 25 feet from the source.

Here is a link to the EPA model noise ordinance, look at section 6.2:

<https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyNET.exe/9101CQQP.TXT?ZyActionD=ZyDocument&Client=EPA&Index=1976+Thru+1980&Docs=&Query=&Time=&EndTime=&SearchMethod=1&TocRestrict=n&Toc=&TocEntry=&QField=&QFieldYear=&QFieldMonth=&QFieldDay=&IntQFieldOp=0&ExtQFieldOp=0&XmlQuery=&File=D%3A%5Czyfiles%5CIndex%20Data%5C76thru80%5CTxt%5C00000028%5C9101CQQP.txt&User=ANONYMOUS&Password=anonymous&SortMethod=h%7C-&MaximumDocuments=1&FuzzyDegree=0&ImageQuality=r75g8/r75g8/x150y150g16/i425&Display=hpfr&DefSeekPage=x&SearchBack=ZyActionL&Back=ZyActionS&BackDesc=Results%20page&MaximumPages=1&ZyEntry=1&SeekPage=x&ZyPURL#>

The Planning Dept. would likely refer to the Draft Environmental plan. It shows that A Grape in the Fog is likely in the 65 -70 CNEL contour. <https://www.cityofpacific.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=6574>

Here is the (pre COVID) City ordinance (I think): https://library.municode.com/ca/pacific/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT5PUWEMOCO_CH10LODIUNUNNO_S5-10.03EN

The level I suggested above provides a measurable objective reference. But the way people perceive loudness is highly subjective, so the best course to resolve complaints is to encourage a good neighbor policy. Such issues can usually be easily resolved by people talking to one another and coming to reasonable accommodations.

Above all, I would like to see the city council supporting our struggling, visitor serving business that attract people and their dollars to our city. An important part of that is outdoor dining and music. Please eliminate the specification that such music be strictly acoustic and not amplified.

Donald Rowell

[REDACTED]
Pacifica
[REDACTED]

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Public Comments

Oral Comments



August 9, 2021
City Council Meeting

From: britney balestreri <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 10:29 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment - Special Meeting - 7/22

[CAUTION: External Email]

Hi I would like to make it known that as a lifelong resident of Pacifica, I DO NOT support the new RV ordinance. Immediately after the allowed streets were posted RVs were being TOWED into Pacifica, not even driven, but TOWED. The streets where this is allowed will turn into the tenderloin and parts of SOMA (i.e. under 101). This is not solving the issue of homelessness, this is encouraging it. Where are these people going to be dumping their waste?

Please reconsider this. There has to be a better option.

Perhaps renting out space in a motel (or utilizing the motels that San Mateo purchased in HMB), turning an unused piece of land into a designated *temporary* RV lot. Or how about a permit process that RV owners can obtain with the city of Pacifica to find legal places to park their RV's. The point should be to help people overcome homelessness, not make it easier for them to stay in it.

Thank you for your time,
Britney Balestreri

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From: Amber Passanisi [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: RV Parking in Pacifica

[CAUTION: External Email]

Dear Pacifica City Council Members: I am very concerned about the July 21 deadline that the city has agreed to with respect to RV parking on Pacifica streets. This issue has a tremendous impact on the quality of life for the residents of Pacifica with respect to safety, public health, and retention of property values. The protection of Pacifica Streets is a city wide issue for all Pacificans. My husband and I were born and raised in Pacifica. We work very hard to continue living and raising our son and future children here. This issue has caused us to seriously consider the safety of living in our beloved town. It seems there is no plan to remedy safety issues, not to mention the huge environmental impact this is sure to have with no plan for waste disposal. We are shocked that Pacifica is being forced into establishing RV Parking Areas **without full public input**. We elect city council members to do what is right for our city, and fight for it's best interests. It seems there was no fight put up in this matter, and is extremely disappointing. We appreciate your input on this serious matter.

Nick and Amber Passanisi
[REDACTED]
Pacifica, CA 94044

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From: Jenna Brooks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 1:06 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Overnight RV Parking NO thank you

[CAUTION: External Email]

Hi,

I've lived in Pacifica my whole life and I'm in my 30's and I'm currently raising my children here. I do not support whoever decided we allow RV parking on our streets for whoever is passing through to be able to park near my house instead of designated RV parks. Please overturn this. I do not feel safe having my kids walk around the neighborhood and not know who is staying next to us at any time.

Thanks for your consideration,
Jenna Brooks

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From: Becca Passanisi [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 1:38 PM
To: _City Council Group; Public Comment
Subject: RV parking

[CAUTION: External Email]

I am writing in response to the newest order regarding designated RV parking on the streets of Pacifica that has been put into place without our towns consent. I know I speak on behalf of many people when I say this is absolutely ridiculous. It is unclean and unsafe. My husband and I work VERY hard to be able to afford to live here and raise our children in this beautiful town, just as we were. I have never once thought about leaving Pacifica, my hometown, until yesterday when I heard of these plans. And seeing the RVs already flocking our streets is sickening. Please let me know the next steps to take in fighting this.

Becca Passanisi

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From: pat <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Homeless RVs in our streets.
Attachments: Video.mov

[CAUTION: External Email]

Hello, my name is Patrick Kenny. I've lived in Pacifica all of my 33 years. I love this town with all my heart and I'm saddened to hear that the council has now allowed RVs to stay on our streets. Here's a video I captured of an RV that was TOWED into a parking spot on Crespi Drive. This must not go on. This will destroy our community. Please do not allow this to continue .

-Patrick Kenny

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From: Perez, Edith E. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Public Comment; _City Council Group
Subject: RV Parking

Importance: High

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I have been living in Pacifica for over 30 years, and it makes me very sad to see how our community has changed so much. To allow all these RVs to be parked in different areas in Pacifica, is just opening a can of worms and letting more homeless people in. There have been so many unpleasant encounters with people who are not from Pacifica that we are now subject to in seeing them living in many areas of the beach and surrounding areas. The RVs that have been in town, have left a real mess where they park and once they move to another location, they leave all this garbage that is not being picked up. This will only allow more drug and crime issues to our town. We now have to be very careful when walking our trails etc because of the mentally ill that are out in the neighborhood. We have one homeless in Pacifica that we all know of "Dan" and he does not scare anyone or yell at people unlike these other mentally ill people that are roaming our streets. It's not the Pacifica that we know. You will now find needles throughout our City and filth.

I would hate for our sleepy community to change because you allowed these RVs to now park here throughout our town. If you want to have that, then why not use the RV area on Palmetto, but to have in our neighborhood is to inviting crime to our areas. We work very hard to make sure that we are safe and live in a good community, why would you want to change that. Have you see other places in the City that have allowed this, and how now all of those areas are filled with drugs and crime. We all pay a lot of taxes to be able to live here and maintain a safe community, and it's not fair that you are not thinking of every homeowner in Pacifica and having them voice their opinions.

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From: Coffey, Sarah
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: Please Support Safe Parking in Pacifica
Attachments: Support Letter - Safe Parking in Pacifica.pdf

From: Ken Chan <kchan@hlcsmc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:26 AM
To: _City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <scoffey@pacifica.gov>
Subject: Please Support Safe Parking in Pacifica

[CAUTION: External Email]

Dear Members of the City of Pacifica City Council,

My name is Ken Chan and I'm an Organizer with the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County. I am reaching out to ask that you review and consider the attached letter regarding Safe Parking in the City of Pacifica.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Ken Chan

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Ken Chan
he/him/his
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July 27, 2021

City of Pacifica
170 Santa Maria Avenue
Pacifica, CA 94044

Re: Support Safe Parking

Dear Members of City of Pacifica City Council,

On behalf of the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County (HLC), I am writing to express our support for a Safe Parking Program. Safe Parking provides our residents with the benefits of a safe space to rest, access to hygiene, and case management to help them begin working towards permanent housing. With such a limited availability of quality affordable homes, this program has the potential to provide our neighbors with the needed step towards permanent housing.

If this pandemic has proved anything, it is that the long-term prosperity of our communities will depend on our ability to adapt quickly as the environments around us become more challenging and complex. Our unhoused community members are becoming increasingly older; the greatest growth in the homeless population is in residents over 50 years old. Additional risk factors for homelessness include victims of domestic violence, veterans, disabled, and one- parent families. Finally, it needs to be highlighted that many of Pacifica's unhoused have strong links with the community - past demographic studies indicate that many have lived in Pacifica prior to losing their homes, they attended, or have children who are attending our local schools, and they continue to work and shop in the city. They are our community members.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Ken Chan
Organizer

From: Richard Harris Jr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:47 PM
To: _City Council Group; Public Comment; Coffey, Sarah; Beckmeyer, Sue; Vaterlaus, Sue; Bier, Mary; O'Neill, Mike; Bigstych, Tygarjas; Bautista, Sam; steideld@pacificapolice.org; Wehrmeister, Tina; Murdock, Christian; Woodhouse, Kevin
Cc: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org; spencer.potter@sfgov.org; 'Leslie Davis'; [REDACTED]; lyn.nelson@sfgov.org; 'Bo Links'; Bob Downing; 'HELEN DUFFY'
Subject: Pacifica City Council Mtg, Aug. 9 / Public Comment / Open Communications / Oversized Vehicle Parking / Request Removal of Bradford Way - Fairway Drive Section from approved OSV list and map
Attachments: Ltr.Pacifica.SFPGA.Object.OSV.Parking.Bradford.Wy.8.1.21.pdf

[CAUTION: External Email]

Dear City Council and Pacifica Engineering Division and Police Department,
Enclosed please find our letter respectfully requesting removal of Bradford Way between Fairway Drive and Sharp Park Rd. from the city's list and map of approved OSV parking sites -- for reasons as explained in the attached letter of traffic safety, wetlands and species protection, and compliance with Pacifica's Local Coastal Land Use Plan and the California Public Resources Code. Please include this letter as public comment in the Open Communications portion of Council's August 9 Agenda Packet. This is to request the Clerk's confirmation that this has been done.

Thanks all around, and
Best Regards

Richard Harris
President San Francisco Public Golf Alliance

[REDACTED]
San Francisco, CA. 94117
[REDACTED]

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August 1, 2021

By e-mail

publiccomment@pacifica.gov

Pacifica City Council
City Engineer Sam Bautista, P.E.
Chief of Police Dan Steidel
170 Santa Maria Ave.
Pacifica, CA. 94044

Re: City Council Meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.
Public Comment / Open Communications / Oversized Vehicle Parking
Request Removal of Bradford Way between Sharp Park Rd. and Fairway Drive
From Pacifica's Allowable Oversized Vehicle Parking List and Map

Dear Pacifica City Council, Engineering Division, and Police Department,

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For reasons of (1) traffic safety, (2) protection of wetlands and wetland species, and (3) compliance with the Pacifica Local Coastal Plan and California Public Resources Code, we request that the section of Bradford Way fronting the Sharp Park Golf Course, between Sharp Park Road and Fairway Drive, be removed from Pacifica's Allowable Oversize Vehicle Parking List and Map.

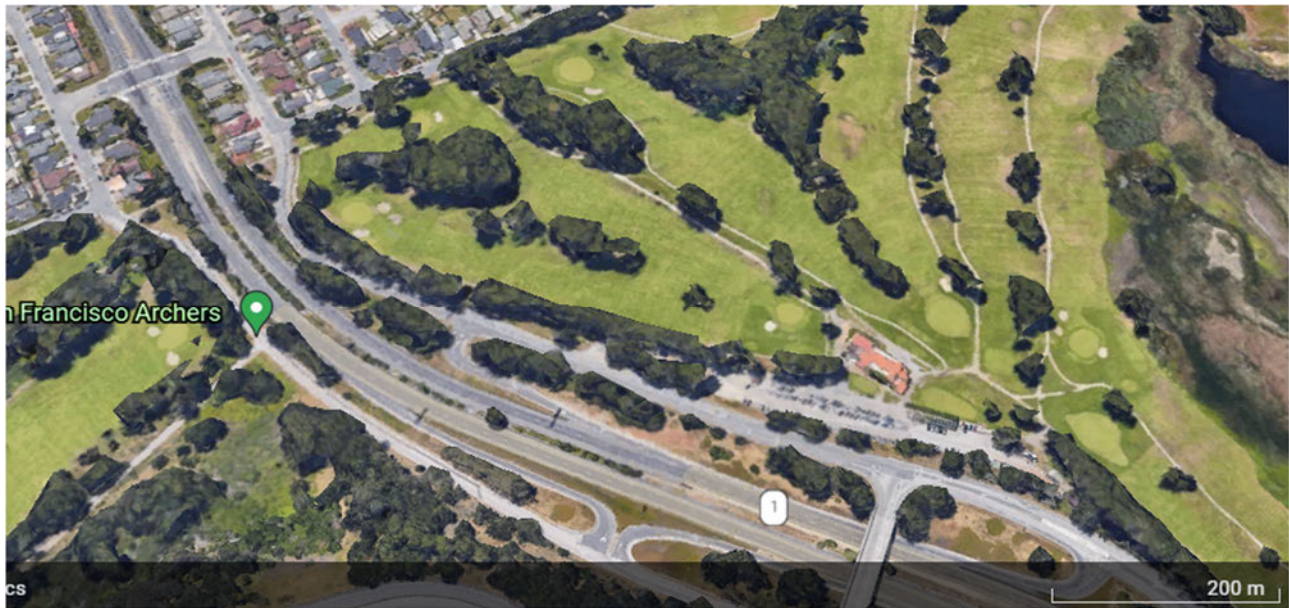
Sharp Park Golf Course is not only an historic and popular public coastal recreational facility. Its combined golf course and restaurant are the largest and busiest business in Pacifica's Sharp Park District – with its sole vehicular access a single driveway off Bradford Way, about 400 meters south of Sharp Park Rd. Sitting at the bottom of a basin surrounded by coastal hills, roads, and residential neighborhoods, the golf course serves as the area's ultimate stormwater drain. And the Laguna Salada wetlands, surrounded by the golf course, are the home to protected species, including the California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake.

Pacifica has designated and publicized the approximately 700 meters-long stretch of Bradford Way --fronting the golf course between Sharp Park Road and Fairway Drive – as allowable for Oversized Vehicle Parking.¹

¹ See City of Pacifica website: Oversized Vehicle Parking, https://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/police/vehicles/oversized_vehicles_parking.asp; Table 2, Roads Designated for Oversized Parking, <https://www.cityofpacifica.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=66700.4&BlobID=18720>

As discussed below in detail, these commercial, topographic, traffic flow, and environmental factors make the approximately 700 meters-long stretch of Bradford Way unsafe, environmentally unsuitable, and legally inappropriate for oversized vehicle parking – violative of the Pacifica Local Coastal Land Use Plan and California Public Resources Code.

Accordingly the nonprofit San Francisco Public Golf Alliance, whose 7,000-plus members include substantial numbers of Pacifica men and women, respectfully asks Pacifica's City Council and public officials to remove this section of Bradford Way from Pacifica's list and map of streets approved for oversize vehicle parking.



Bradford (fronting US Hwy 1 to SW); Sharp Park Rd. overpass; clubhouse and parking lot; and Bradford Intersections with (i) Fairway Dr. (approx. 700 M. S of Sharp Park Rd.), (ii) freeway offramp (approx. 400 M. S of Sharp Pk. Rd.), and (iii) golf parking lot driveway (approx. 350 M. S of Sharp Park Rd.

I. Heavy commercial and residential traffic, difficult visibility, and four busy intersections make for traffic safety problems.

The freeway exit approximately 400 meters south of the Sharp Park Rd. overpass is the first southbound freeway access to the West Fairway Park residential subdivision and is the principal access to the Sharp Park Golf Course, whose parking lot driveway – the sole vehicular access -- lies on the opposite side of Bradford Way and about 100 meters north of the freeway offramp intersection. Traffic in and out of the golf course includes golf maintenance and bar/restaurant workers, delivery trucks, bar/restaurant patrons, and golfers – averaging about 150 golfers daily and substantially more on weekends -- during non-winter months. As it passes the golf course Bradford is two lanes northbound (with no shoulder) and one lane southbound (with an unmarked bike lane on the narrow shoulder). Oversized vehicles parked along the roadside will block views of the residential, commercial, and recreational traffic through the three busy intersections nearest the golf course, and views of oncoming Bradford Ave. traffic for motorists passing parked oversize vehicles. Between the freeway exit and Fairway Drive to the south, Bradford Way curves around the Hole No. 3

green and No. 8 tee of the golf course; oversized vehicles parked in this curving portion of Bradford will impair passing motorists' vision of the road through the curve.

II. Pacifica storm sewer drains along Bradford Way beside the golf course empty into Laguna Salada. The threats of dumped wastewater and other detritus from oversized vehicles into the storm drains endanger the environmentally sensitive Laguna Salada wetlands and resident species.

The City Council received evidence at a June 28, 2021 council hearing on Oversized Vehicle Parking from Pacificans Shelby Jacquez, Charlotte Mecozzi, Irika Walters, and Cynthia Pagan of human and pet waste and strewn garbage from recreational vehicles parked in Pacifica neighborhoods.² The problem of stealth gray- and black water dumping from recreational vehicles is commonly known and openly discussed in the social media.³

An existing conditions map compiled by Pacifica's Local Coastal Plan consultant ESA, shows the city's storm drain infrastructure (in blue lines), including three street gutter drains along the southwest shoulder of Bradford Avenue adjacent to the golf course, whose drain lines extend beneath the golf fairways to the edge of the Laguna Salada wetlands.



Detail, showing Pacifica stormwater infrastructure (in blue), from Appendix A-4, Pacifica LCP Update, Existing Conditions Map, Sharp Park, West Fairway Park, and Mori Point

See: ESA: Pacifica LCP Update, Appendix A-4, Existing Conditions Map, Sharp Park, West Fairway Park, and Mori Point: https://drive.google.com/open?id=13iMuokz_DKai2ZWbz7jvksRS-WbrTI8.

² Public Comment at Pacifica City Council meeting, Agenda Item # 8, June 28, 2021, at pages 7, 11, 14, and 17: <https://www.cityofpacific.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=18632>

³ See: "Stealth Greywater Dumping, Do You, or Don't You?" <https://liveworkdream.com/2011/06/03/stealth-greywater-dumping-do-you-or-dont-you/>

Wastewater and other pollutants and detritus dumped, spilled, or strewn, inadvertently or otherwise, into the street and gutter will be carried through the storm drains to Laguna Salada, endangering the wetland and its inhabitants, including the threatened California red-legged frog and endangered San Francisco garter snake.

III. Pacifica's Local Coastal Plan and Public Resources Code Section 30240 prohibit development – including provisional or temporary housing such as OSV housing for vehicle-dwellers – that carries a risk of adversely impacting Sharp Park's Laguna Salada wetlands and its threatened and endangered species.

The Conclusions section of Pacifica's existing (1980) Local Coastal Land Use Plan,⁴ under the section heading "Rare and Endangered Species," identifies "The Sharp Park Lagoon and Marsh [as] a known habitat of the rare and endangered San Francisco garter snake," (page C-99), and provides that "The habitat shall be **protected** and enhanced . . ." (page C-101). In a provision captioned "Development Near Wetlands and Creeks," the Local Coastal Land Use Plan provides that "**development . . . applies not only to structures but also to other uses**, such as accesses, parks, recreation, etc." (page C-101), and that "**Wetlands . . . and water quality shall be protected** and enhanced by regulations . . . and other appropriate measures." (Page C-102) (emphases added)

Pacifica's current Allowable Oversized Vehicle Parking list and map constitutes a form of official sanctioning of housing for vehicle-dwellers, including their pets. This is development of housing (albeit temporary and mobile) on a city street that is precluded under the above-cited sections of the existing Pacifica Local Coastal Land Use Plan.

In or about February 2020 Pacifica City Council approved and submitted to the California Coastal Commission for certification an updated Local Coastal Land Use Plan,⁵ which includes in the Environmental and Scenic Resources chapter, Section 4.3 Biological Resources, the Figure 4-3 Potential Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas map (at page 4-20), which shows Sharp Park Golf Course as Potential Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area, with the Laguna Salada wetland designated as Critical Habitat for the threatened California red-legged frog. The 2020 Pacifica Local Coastal Land Use Plan draft includes the following Implementation Policies relevant to the issue of new on-street Oversized Vehicle housing adjacent to the endangered species habitat at the golf course:

ER-I-22 Protection of Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA). Protect all sensitive species . . . by development limitations and other requirements . (Page 4-22)

ER-I-24 Management of ESHA. . . . Development shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts that would degrade adjacent habitat areas . . . (Page 4-23)

⁴ City of Pacifica Local Coastal Land Use Plan (1980)
<https://www.cityofpacifica.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=7043>

⁵ City of Pacifica Local Coastal Land Use Plan, February 2020, Certification Draft
<https://cityofpacifica.egnyte.com/dl/EPskSdDwa4/>

ER-I-33 Biological Productivity. Maintain—and where feasible, restore—the biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands . . . Techniques may include: . . . Minimizing adverse effects of wastewater discharge . . . (Page 4-25)

ER-I-34 Regulations and Incentives to Preserve Habitat. Ensure that sensitive or critical habitat is protected ... (Page 4-25)

These implementation provisions of Pacifica’s new draft Local Coastal Land Use Plan all reflect the injunction of California Public Resources Code 30240,⁶ which provides at 30240(a) that “Environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be protected against any significant disruption of habitat values . . .,” and provides further at 30240(b) that “Development in areas **adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and parks and recreation areas** shall be sited and designed to **prevent impacts** which would significantly degrade those areas . . . “ (emphasis added)

- IV. **CONCLUSION: For reasons of traffic safety, environmental health of the Laguna Salada wetland and its creatures, and as required by the Pacifica Local Coastal Land Use Plan, Bradford Way adjacent to the golf course is inappropriate for Oversized Vehicle Parking and should be removed from Pacifica’s approved OSV parking list and map.**

Respectfully,

San Francisco Public Golf Alliance

Richard Harris

Richard Harris, President

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⁶ California Public Resources Code Section 30240:

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From: Lawrence Bothen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Public Comment; Public Comment; Public Comment
Cc: _City Council Group; Richard Harris Jr.; Mark Stechbart
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking

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Pacifica City Council

August 8, 2021

Re: City Council Meeting, August 9, 2021
Posted Streets on Oversized Vehicle Parking List and Map

Dear Council Members,

The decisions and consequences of the Oversized Vehicle Parking List and Map continue to reverberate throughout Pacifica. They will not go away simply because Council does not want to further address the issues involved. The number of streets made available for such parking creates up to 500 parking spaces for homeless RV's in places not even considered under the original ordinance.

Some of the most significant areas surround the Sharp Park Golf Course. You've already heard from residents of Fairway Park East, where the entire length of Ridgeview Drive is now open to OSV (RV) parking. The fact that for much of the year parking on that street has been used by families of Little League players using the three ball parks around the corner from Ridgeview appears not to have influenced your decision. The blight of derelict RV's lining the fourth fairway of the golf course, along with the attendant waste and sanitation problems had similar impact, and I'm sure the effect on property values and public safety of the neighborhood's residents was of no concern to you.

The San Francisco Public Golf Alliance has commented extensively on the negative impacts of opening a nearly ¼ mile stretch of Bradford Way from Sharp Park Road to Fairway Drive lining the public face of the golf course. How the city arrived at this bone-headed decision is incomprehensible.

Right now there is NO parking on any part of that stretch for anyone. The southbound side of Bradford Way is posted as a bike route with several signs denoting that, even though there are no bike lanes painted on that side of the road. OSV's or any other vehicles parked on that stretch would pose a hazard to cyclists and narrow the traffic lane. It would also pose a visual obstruction to vehicles entering and exiting the golf course parking lot.

On the northbound side of Bradford Way a wide white line extends north from the Sharp Park freeway offramp to the Sharp Park Road overpass. This presumably is a right turn lane for the overpass and is not wide enough for parking too. Any vehicle parked in that lane would force traffic around it into the through lane to Francisco Blvd, which is also designated OSV parking from Laguna Way on the northeast side of the golf course all the way north to Salada Way, encompassing most of the frontage for the Sharp Park district of town. Funny how it's not allowed within a couple blocks either side of City Hall. Coincidence I'm sure.

Currently, approaching the golf course westbound on Sharp Park Road is a clear, unobstructed view of the classic old clubhouse and fourteen of the eighteen holes, lined by majestic Monterey Cypress, with the Pacific Ocean stretching

beyond to the fog. It is truly the centerpiece of Pacifica, and no one entering Pacifica for the first time would fail to be impressed, golfer or not.

Making that space available for RV parking is unacceptable on purely aesthetic grounds for the visual blight it would introduce. The safety, health and environmental issues they would bring is just the icing on the cake. Most places where homeless RV's are allowed to park there is a ring of trash surrounding them, and it is common knowledge that wastewater gets dumped into storm drains. All that drains into Laguna Salada and impacts the endangered species that thrive there now. I wonder how the California Coastal Commission feels about that? And if you think you can police that, there is zero evidence of that with the existing population, much less what you've invited to town. It's not likely to improve.

Pacifica has long aspired to be a tourist mecca, and it should be. We have big plans to transform the Sharp Park downtown area with a resort hotel surrounded by shops and restaurants near the pier. Few places are blessed with such an abundance of natural beauty. Mori Point, a scenic piece of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, rises above the golf course to the south of downtown, with Pedro Point in the background, rising out of the sea to Montara Mountain.

Suppose you're a tourist who's taking a break from running the gauntlet of tents and junkies in downtown San Francisco and you say to your family, let's drive down the coast. You exit Route 1 at the first Sharp Park exit because you saw the pier from way up on the hill driving down to Pacifica. Even the offramp is lined with ramshackle RV's up to Paloma Ave. You turn right on Paloma and it's lined with them too. Disgusted, you head back to Francisco Blvd. and drive past a line of RV's all the way down to the next onramp at Sharp Park Road. At Linda Mar Blvd. you see a sign for San Pedro Valley Park and see that big mountain looming over the valley. You hang a left and as you pass the Adobe and the fire station, another line of decrepit RV's comes into view, parked in front of houses! You turn around, muttering to your family, what a hellhole. How far is Half Moon Bay?

This scenario could be repeated all over town but its effects will be felt most by the people who live here and the businesses who depend on them: Sharp Park, Fairway Park, Manor, Linda Mar Blvd., Roberts Road; it's a hall of shame for civic pride. In the name of all who love this place, don't let it happen.

Lawrence Bothen, Citizen

Rockaway

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From: Cynthia Bradford [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 2:57 PM
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Subject: commentary for 8/9/21 City Council meeting

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My name is Cindy Bradford, a resident of Pacifica for 30 years.

I would like to proclaim my dismay at the City's handling of the RV residential parking situation. The idea of moving RVs to "assigned residential parking" solves nothing. The people living in their RVs are still on the streets with no physical, mental or emotional support or services. How does this move improve their lives?

Would not it be better to congregate RVs in one area where a sense of community is possible. Why not the old sewer plant on Palmetto Ave. where electric and plumbing already exist, the Resource Center just down the street. I've hear in HMB they have set aside property with a 24/7 guard funded by federal money. Besides, with climate change, a crumbling seawall and managed retreat still an option, what developer is going to build a hotel?

With 4 1/2 miles of allocated RV parking on Pacifica residential streets, up to 500 vehicles is not the way to bring in the tourist dollars. You are doing everyone, RV dwellers and Pacifica residents a disservice by not being leaders enough to tackle this problem.

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