Public Comments
Oral Communications

April 13, 2020
City Council Meeting
Thanks Sarah,
Sorry to belabor the point.
Living on the shores of the Pacific should guarantee us a steady supply of fresh air.
Here in suburbia we share fences, wood smoke is fine for rural areas where domiciles are well distanced from one another.
Fresh air is even more important now that we are anchored in home for the duration of today's pandemic.
Thanks for hearing me out
Kind Regards,
Jim

On Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 4:50 PM Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacific.ca.us> wrote:

Thank you, Jim.

Your comment was received after the close of comments at the 3/18/2020 City Council Special Meeting, but has been provided to the City Councilmembers and City Manager for their consideration.

Best Regards,

Sarah Coffey

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Sarah Coffey
City Clerk
City of Pacifica
(650) 738-7307
coffeys@ci.pacific.ca.us
From: JS <redacted>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@ci.pacificca.us>

Subject: [CAUTION: External Email]

With the ongoing quarantine expansion, I wanted to add a possible item to consider.

Spare the air day every day

Reducing or eliminating heating residents homes with non zero emission wood burning appliances.

Linda Mar district is subjected to a day and night blanket of high particulate laden blanket of smoke. Even with our windows closed tight, throats and eyes burning is the norm.

Implementing a clean air effort would be welcome as we hunker down at home.

Thanks

Jim Sullivan

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Maria Fastidio>
Date: April 9, 2020 at 4:05:40 PM PDT
To: bierm@ci.pacifica.ca.us, beckmeyers@ci.pacifica.ca.us, vaterlauss@ci.pacifica.ca.us
Cc: martind@ci.pacifica.ca.us, o'neillm@ci.pacifica.ca.us
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Hello

I would like the mayor to read my comments out loud.

My name is Maria Fastidio and I own a town home on terra nova with my family which includes 2 young children and a dog.

We moved in a little over 2 years ago and what attracted us to this neighborhood is the sense of community. Every day you see families walking, people walking with their dogs, children walking to school, little league and the library. Allowing RVs in our neighborhood would rob our community of that. We do not know where these rv dwellers are from. Do you want to be responsible for any safety this imposes to any of the residents of this town or it’s children??

Please think of the health and safety of our environment. Not that long ago a rv parked in the shopping center and emptied out their waste. I don’t want to see that in our neighborhood and we shouldn’t have to. Do you really think these rv people care about what they do to the neighborhood?

Parking around terra nova can be hard. I work as a night shift pediatric registered nurse who commutes from Oakland. The last thing I want to do is have to look for parking and then step over someone’s waste products. I want to park in front of my house and go to sleep.

I please ask you to stop allowing vehicles greater than 6 feet to park on terra nova. I fear the worse if this will happen. There are too many kids and families safety issues that you are playing with if allowed to happen.
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The limit of 6 feet!

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Hello,

I am an avid mountain biker and am proud to call Pacifica home for the last six years, and have only been riding within five miles from my house during this pandemic.

In this Shelter in Place order, I have been monitoring the trails in McNee Ranch State Park on the popular cycling app Strava. This week, the majority of cyclists are from out of county: many are from San Francisco, but some are from as far away as Walnut Creek.

I'm concerned about the lack of signage at the trailhead closing the trails to people greater than five miles away, per the San Mateo county shelter in place order.

Are there any plans to post adequate signage before it's required to close the trails to everyone, locals included?

Thanks, and stay safe.

Jordan
I respectfully request all of you read Chris Morello’s thread on Nextdoor and immediately take action to begin enforcement of the stay at home order issued by our county and state governments. At the very least, the city should begin issuing citations to vehicles in the problem areas in the city, i.e. beach goers parking in residential neighborhoods and out of area people coming to hike on the quarry and other trails. It is imperative that you act immediately to protect the Pacifica residents who elected you, and instruct the police to begin enforcement immediately.

Thank you.

Jeanette Borgo, Vallemar

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(Resubmitting in requested format)

Jeanette Borgo
Reina Del Mar Ave

This comment should be read into the record.

I respectfully request all of you read Chris Morello’s thread on Nextdoor and immediately take action to begin enforcement of the stay at home order issued by our County and State governments. At the very least, the city should begin issuing citations to vehicles in the problem areas, specifically beach goers parking in residential neighborhoods and out of area people coming to hike on the quarry and other trails. It is imperative that you act immediately to protect the Pacifica residents who elected you, and instruct the police to begin enforcement immediately.

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Good Evening, Mayor, Council, & Staff,
My name is Carolyn Jaramillo; I have been a Pacifica homeowner for 30+ years

First, Thanks to Council, the Resource Center, and all essential workers here in a Pacifica for keeping us safe during this pandemic.  Thanks also for all farm workers nationwide for continuing to work without protection and at great risk to ensure that we have food. I urge everyone to call on Members of Congress to include those brave people who were excluded from the $2 trillion package in the next benefit package.

Next, I would like to know if the City of Pacifica is seeking access to county & state funds to protect and house the homeless here in Pacifica.  Are any efforts being made to see how many vacant motel/hotel rooms could be made available to house the homeless during the pandemic?  Is there any effort being made to once again contact the owner of the RV Park to see if some lots could be made available to people living in vehicles on the streets? There are now many vacant lots in that park.

My last question: Is there assurance that the permitted parking program proposed by the PRC will ever go into effect?  I recall that Councilmember Bier agreed to support the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance if there was a good faith agreement that a permitted parking program would also be approved.  The Oversize Vehicle Ordinance is now on the books.

We need to care for all residents, no exceptions, & really mean it when we say, “All of us are in this together.”

Thank you for your consideration.
305 words

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From: Suzanne Moore <>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: 
Subject: Oral communications 4/13/20 City Council by Suzanne Moore
Attachments: Oral communication 41320 City Council.pdf

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My name is Suzanne Moore, Pacifica resident from the Manor District.

Thank you, Mayor, City Council and staff, for your efforts to both keep Pacifica safe during the COVID-19 health crisis and help Pacifica businesses in this economic downturn. COVID-19 has made it clear we are an interdependent community and we truly are in this together.

While we focus on ways to stabilize Pacifica at this time, we must recognize that helping our most vulnerable helps our community as a whole. The State and County remind us that our homeless are at high risk for contracting COVID-19 resulting in serious illness and possible death. It is often local efforts that can make a difference.

The Pacifica Resource Center is open for business to aid our vulnerable neighbors. For those who are able, we can contribute money to the Resource Center - they are, no doubt, experiencing greater need due to worker layoffs. The PRC is also able to accept donated restaurant gift cards to augment their food pantry and provide some variety. Here’s a way to support our local restaurants AND the Resource Center.

The City Council lost an opportunity to delay the effective date of the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance:
   1) until city staff presentation of details,
   2) until recommendations from the Unhoused in Pacifica Task Force including a suggested parking permit pilot, and
   3) until face-to-face community input.

In his recent statement, City Manager Kevin Woodhouse offered that implementation of the Ordinance will not take immediate effect; but that does not negate the choice the City made - to let the Ordinance take effect rather than temporarily delay till a time when the public can again meet council face to face.
I ask Council and Staff to delay implementation of the Ordinance until a parking permit program is in place which will offer our vehicularly housed a pathway to stable housing. Covid 19 is a painful lesson: housing is necessary for life and health - for individuals, families, and our entire community. Thank you.
Oral Communications

Todd Ewell
Crespi Drive

This comment should be sent into the record

Pacifca City Council:

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The Pacifica Police Department should begin inquiring of individuals where they are from and ask those from out of the area to return home. These individuals are out of quarantine compliance and endanger our residents and ultimately our fight against Covid-19. Locations include, but are not limited to, the following [parking] areas: Linda Mar and Rockaway surf areas, Higgins Road, Mori Point.

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Best regards,
Todd

Todd R. Ewell

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Traci Ewell
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Best regards,
Traci

Traci M. Ewell

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Oral Communications

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Please read my comment into the record. Thank you.

Comment:

RVs parked on Pacifica streets have already caused safety and sanitary deterioration. It will get much worse if council doesn't enact a total ban. RV owners with homes who store their RVs on the street for free need to move them to their back yards. Pacifica should keep constant pressure on the county to step up and provide facilities at a nominal cost. The vehicularly housed need parking with access to toilets and showers, counseling and case workers. Start pushing the county now, don't wait for remain-in-place to lift. Bike lane plans will take too long, that is a separate project that should not be tied to an RV ban. Pacifica doesn't have resources or real estate to provide lasting solutions for homelessness. Failure to take decisive action will make our town a magnet like SF, which lost Oracle Open World due partly to street conditions, it has gotten so bad. Members of City Council and well meaning persons should not try tackling a problem that is far more than our town can take on, expecting residents of neighborhoods to accept the degradation of city streets, safety, security and sanitary conditions. Please discuss the ban in tonight's meeting and commit to applying the ban to ALL city streets.

Linda Prisajni
President, Terra Nova Homeowners Association

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

This public comment will follow-up my previous email to Mayor, Councilmembers and City Manager. I ask that Terra Nova Blvd. be included on the list of restricted streets for RV parking where parking of vehicles over six feet is prohibited.

While I have great empathy for the less fortunate, allowing RV parking on Terra Nova, particularly where there is no access to electricity and plumbing, is not the answer. Moving the homeless issue back in the valley is not going to fix this problem but will only have negative consequences on our vibrant family community. With two schools, a public library, senior housing, daycare, place of worship, shopping center, and nearly 300 townhomes with not enough parking for the residents there alone, it is unconscionable that a thought would be given to designate Terra Nova Blvd. for RV parking.

In the midst of COVID-19, having a well thought out plan to control and/or eliminate the extreme health and sanitation problems that come with moving the homeless on our street(s) should be first and foremost. This is not the answer. There are other options that actually make sense.

The petition of hundreds of resident signatures, social media communications and the dozens of communications directly sent to Mayor, councilmembers and the City Manager to include Terra Nova on the RV Street ban list can’t be ignored. Please, do not ignore the people of the City of Pacifica that put their trust in you, and believed that you cared about Pacifica and its citizens, when you asked for their vote.

Thank you.

Rosanne Massimino
Terra Nova Blvd., Pacifica, CA

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Rosanne Massimino
Cell: [redacted] (or better yet - email me a pdf)
Yes, please read out loud

My name is Julie Starobin, I live in Pacific Manor. I was glad to read that the official date for the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance has been postponed until September 1st at the earliest. But I would like to urge the Council not to implement the Ordinance until a Safe Parking Permit Program has been developed and started. I hope everyone is taking care of themselves and staying healthy.. Thank you.

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Apologies for not getting this to you by 5p.

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In light of the statewide shelter in place order, Pacifica Resource Center has focused on getting groceries out to families who need them; providing financial assistance for rent and mortgage; and maintaining basic services to our unhoused, including groceries, showers, and helping them access county homeless services. We have modified our office hours to Monday and Tuesday mornings until 12:30p, Wednesday afternoon until 7p, Thursday afternoon until 5p, and regular hours on Friday 9a to 1p. We are available other hours by phone. Whenever possible, we are meeting with folks by phone and when they have to come to the office we are social distancing and sanitizing the office after visits.

PRC is delivering groceries weekly. Our deliveries have grown from 60 the first week to over 230 this week. I want to thank the city staff for helping us get a permit for the use of a refrigerated storage container so we can store more groceries and get them out efficiently. I also want to thank our neighbors for bearing with us while we figured out how to best serve our community. And, I want to thank Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for funding the storage unit and for increasing our deliveries of pre-boxed groceries for distribution.

We have an online pre-application for anyone who needs financial assistance for rent, mortgage, or other critical needs due to COVID-19; funds for financial assistance are primarily from SMC Strong and SF Chronicle Season of Sharing Fund. We are still working on ways to best support unhoused families and individuals in Pacifica and hope to implement some new strategies soon.

To get the link for the pre-application or to sign up for grocery delivery, please contact PRC by phone at 650-738-7470, by email at info@pacresourcecenter.org, or by contacting us via our website, pacresourcecenter.org.

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Anita

Anita M. Rees
Executive Director
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Pacifica Resource Center – Neighbors Helping Neighbors
1809 Palmetto Ave. Pacifica, CA 94044

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Complete your Census 2020 survey now!
Respond online at 2020census.gov

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Is there a possibility to get the medians on Linda Mar Blvd. groomed? They are a bit of embarrassment for the city. Is there a landscaping program that would let an intern fix them up?

Jewel Walli
Capuchino High School
Special Education Department

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Please no RV parking on Terra Nova.

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Agenda Item # 8
Yes, please do help small businesses. We need them, they do need us.
Thanks
Sue Digre

Yes read it.

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Repayment equivalent to length of shelter in place

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