

Stakeholder Meeting Notes 8/5/20

Participants: Jessica Accamando, Colin Cooley, Tony Cordi, Jon David, Dave Davis, Brian Dunne, Lori Ford, Peter Nolan, Laura Pena, Stacy Strauss, Jonathan M. Wicks, Jacqueline Sun for BCHD

City Representatives: Mayor Campbell,, Ken Robertson, Christy Teague, Nicole Ellis, Melanie Emas, Nico De Anda-Scaia, Leeanne Singleton, Doug Krauss

City Staff Provided Updates –

Urgent Matter for Stakeholder Feedback – Traffic Control Plans for Hermosa Ave. (Pier Ave. pending)

- City has received three concepts for traffic control plans on Hermosa Avenue (between 10th and 14th St.) and similar concepts are pending on Pier Avenue (between Hermosa Ave and Valley Drive) for lane closures to provide additional space for outdoor activities and may phase in which lanes and which sides of street for future implementation within weeks.
- Environmental Programs Manager Doug Krauss presented the three different Hermosa Avenue Reconfiguration concepts (with reverse angle parking, head-in parking and different bike lane approaches), which vary in the total number of parking spaces and areas increased for outdoor business activities. All of the proposed options would slow traffic and add parking through diagonal parking instead of parallel parking along Hermosa Avenue.

There were several comments and questions from Stakeholders, including:

- Safest options for bikes and driver visibility, concerns that bike lane near curb would be too dangerous, desire for maximum parking,
- Similar options for Upper Pier? Upper Pier option with most parking would be desirable.

Environmental Analyst Leeanne Singleton provided an update on pending banners, street decals and signage.

Community Development Director Ken Robertson noted that outdoor dining is approved to remain through mid-January, which could be extended if Covid restrictions on businesses remain in place at that time.

In response to a question regarding hair salons and the City's ability to apply for a variance from the county and state rules, Mayor Campbell noted that local mayors have been actively exploring whether an appeal could be made or if it would be supported. It was noted that the salons generate foot traffic to the business districts, especially in the downtown.

Attachments: Hermosa Avenue Traffic Concepts and Chart

