

Maggie Trinidad

From: Ann Burke <annburkework@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 9:33 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Parklets

-EXTERNAL-

I do not want parklets on 2nd street. I have been in Belmont Shore for years and do not want the eyesore of parakeets on our retail street. Parking is hard enough. Trying to see around them during Covid was a joke.

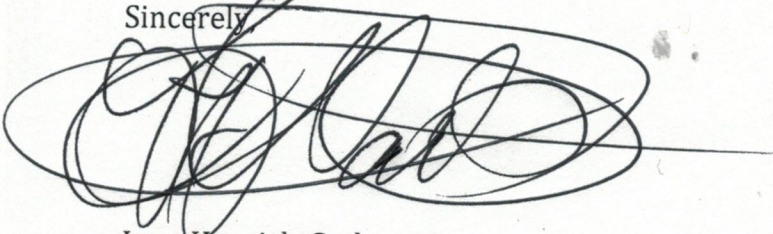
NO!

Ann Burke

9 February, 2024

I am writing in support of Legend's having a permitted parklet. Belmont Shore heavily relies on its business corridor so anything we can do to encourage patronage is a plus. Legends is our iconic restaurant in the shore; great owners who are very philanthropic towards the community. Today, most people love to dine outside and enjoy that atmosphere, thus a definite asset to the vitality of our community.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jann Kronick-Gath
Belmont Shore resident

Monique DeLaGarza

From: jeff cozart <jeff@belmontathleticclub.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 2:09 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: NO PARKLETS

-EXTERNAL-

My business has been on 2nd St. since 1980. As long as I can remember there has not been enough parking here. I cannot wrap my mind around the idea of taking away parking to serve the interests of a select group of businesses and then looking the rest of us in eye and basically saying deal with it!

I am against Legends getting a parklet because it will be the first of many. My industry is still recovering from the effects of the pandemic when we were forced to close for a year. Now my own city is conspiring with special interests to further cripple our efforts of recovery by taking away some parking that is a much-needed resource for me to compete.

I was actually for the temp parklets during the pandemic because my business neighbors needed help to survive. But now that they are open and flourishing, I feel they want to strangle the rest of us with the same lifeline we gladly tossed them when they needed it the most.

Parklets are a nice added feature, but not necessary. Parking is necessary for ALL OF US.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

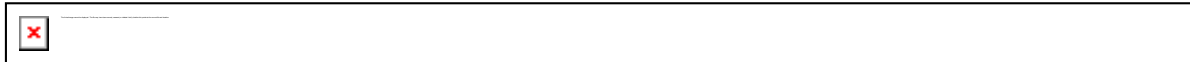
*Jeffrey Cozart
Principal Partner
The Belmont Athletic Club
Shore Strength Lab*



Monique DeLaGarza

From: Belmont Shore Residents Association <mail@belmontshoreresidentsassociation.ccsend.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:54 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Legends parklet opposition letter from BSRA (2/2/24)

-EXTERNAL-



To District 3 Councilwoman Kristina Duggan and city officials:

For nearly 100 years, the Belmont Shore Residents Association has, by its bylaws, exclusively focused on the needs and concerns of residents in Belmont Shore. It is the only organization representing the neighborhood to do so. We seek managed growth in our community to the benefit of all residents.

The application by Legends Sports Bar for a permanent parklet to be located in the public right of way abutting 5236 E. Second Street marks a dangerous and precedent-setting encroachment into the public space, and one with minimal community benefit apart from the financial enrichment of a single private enterprise that already profits from the granting of public space via the Sidewalk Dining program.

As the first of some nine active applications for a permanent parklet and likely additional others to follow, the occupation of two vitally needed metered parking spaces by Legends opens the door to the loss of some 15-30 parking slots in an 3/4-mile stretch already designated as a “parking-impacted zone.”

Those two lost parking spaces will instead be occupied by four new tables serving up to 20 additional customers beyond the bar’s current footprint. Those additional patrons, most assuredly, will not be local residents walking to the location. They’ll be sports bar patrons driving from outside the area and, unable to park nearby amid the loss of metered spaces, instead occupy residential streets for half-day or

longer periods during major televised events. To service these additional customers and tables, additional employees will similarly park away from Second Street on residential blocks. All to enrich the bottom line of a single bar.

Legends owners and management have consistently shown themselves to be negligent stewards of the public space they already occupy. Customers of the sidewalk dining area are allowed to stand in the narrow pedestrian sidewalk, sometimes consuming alcohol outside the perimeter allowed by law. Bicycles are perched along and locked to the railings. Dogs are allowed to be tethered to the fencing, with the dogs themselves reclining on the sidewalk with water bowls to lap from. Noise levels from the interior routinely exceed community standards. Such instances have been documented repeatedly and shared with city agencies and elected officials, with no resultant enforcement and changes in behavior.

The temporary parklet utilized by Legends during the COVID emergency is, in fact, entirely indicative of the problems that will ensue should a permanent installation be permitted. Servers with heavy trays crossing a narrow sidewalk, already congested with milling customers, obstructed passers-by and residents, including those with both disabilities and accessibility needs. Debris was frequently seen in the parklet space. Dog urine and feces were visible and could be smelled while walking nearby.

The “final” Conditions of Approval dated May 8, 2023 and accompanying the application are not nearly adequate to the task of addressing community concerns, safety and aesthetic issues and the needs of long-term monitoring and enforcement. As evidenced at the prior Zoning Administrator hearing and Planning Commission appeals for this application, the Conditions of Approval, in fact, were the result of negotiation between city officials and the business’s owners, with minimal public awareness or input.

The standards that are imposed within those Conditions use softened language that does not make the business directly responsible for any actual monitoring and oversight of the space to be granted.

Condition #7 states “shall discourage” in regard to patron bikes attached to railings, not “shall not allow.” Condition #14 states the

business shall “encourage deliveries to be made along the rear public alley,” not “require.”

Condition #14 is a mockery of meaningful transportation demand management (TDM) strategies in that it merely requires submittal of a plan, not active incentives, use and actual long-term mitigation. Data shared monthly at the Belmont Shore Parking Commission meetings show that Legends, in practice and over the long term, has some of the lowest employee use of public transit. It is not enough for the Conditions of Approval to wish for a meaningful TDM plan, it must require it and provide meaningful carrots and sticks to achieve it — especially in context of Legends occupying two prime parking spaces on a permanent basis going forward.

Furthermore, we note that signage requirements, data-collection, and community input and complaint mechanisms are inadequately defined within the existing Conditions of Approval and raise potential inconsistencies and enforcement confusion going forward.

Condition #6 requires “a sign shall be installed on the railing of the dining area indicating the public access requirements of the parklet permit.” But it does not specify the sign dimensions, typography, wording and height/placement location, leaving that instead to the “approval of the Director of Public Works or designee.” Hence, Legends and each applicant going forward will define those terms independently, resulting in a wide array and muddle of signage across Second Street, fostering confusion, not clarity, among customers, residents and other businesses.

In furtherance of the “public access requirements” for parklets, is it not logical to expand that requirement also to Sidewalk Dining installations? After all, these spaces that already exist will be situated just five feet from parklet spaces that by all outward appearance will look essentially the same and function in almost the exact same manner. Again, such alignment would further transparency, public awareness, consistency of rules and overall enforcement.

We urge that all parklet signage utilize precise specifications and be made uniform throughout any permanent parklet implementation on Second Street.

The BSRA also urges that such signage incorporate a unique identifier and QR code assigned to each parklet permit holder, so that complaints and public comment can be actively solicited onsite where incursions and violations occur, and that that data be collected and posted on a dedicated city web page for parklets in the interest of public transparency for use during annual permit renewals, which should require a public hearing with appropriate public notifications.

This application for Legends arrives at City Council for final disposition on the heels of a Curb Management Study by the City Traffic Engineer and amid active discussion of repurposing some 50 parking spaces on Second Street. Notably, that study, as its author Paul Van Dyk has repeatedly stated publicly, is aimed at a single purpose: addressing the obstruction of transit stops by the many large food and liquor delivery trucks that service the bars and restaurants — many of whom have active parklet applications in process. The study uses 15 “existing” parklets as a baseline for enumeration but then, by design, did not at all include the impacts that 15 parklets occupying some 20-30 parking spaces would exacerbate should they become active.

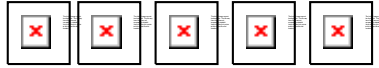
Since its first presentation at the January meeting of the Belmont Shore Parking Commission, the study’s recommendations have received notable pushback from both residents and, perhaps ironically, the bars and restaurants, as they do not want to lose additional customer parking spaces even as they themselves would take two or more each for permanent parklets.

The Belmont Shore Residents Association and its members welcome and encourage such studies, but insist that the full scope of impacts of all facets — speed limits, curb management, parklets, residential parking, delivery schedules and eco-friendly trucks — be analyzed as a whole before any permanent parklet are considered for approval on Second Street.

We ask that you, City Council members, DENY this application for a permanent parklet by Legends Bar and Grill. We urge all city officials and departments to take up the much-needed effort for detailed and meaningful Conditions of Approval, and for robust oversight and enforcement of both parklets and Sidewalk Dining.

In community,

The Board of Directors of the Belmont Shore Residents Association
(BSRA)



Belmont Shore Residents Association

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Monique DeLaGarza

From: Parking Not Parklets <parkingnotparklets@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:50 PM
To: City Manager; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9; Mayor; Parking Not Parklets; CityClerk
Subject: DENY the Legends parklet application (Item #13 on City Council agenda for 2/13/24)

-EXTERNAL-

Esteemed city officials,

On behalf of some 700 engaged local petition signees, the dozens of email writers of the past week, and the many residents of Belmont Shore, we as founders of the Parking Not Parklets community organization write today to seek your “NO” vote on Legends’ parklet application, and to deny all future applications for any permanent parklets on Second Street in Belmont Shore.

Simply put, the permit sought today and the installation of a permanent parklet by Legends presents no tangible benefit to the community in which the business is situated.

But it does pose direct harms in the form of physical and aesthetic encroachment that not only permanently removes two parking spaces in a dense “parking-impacted zone” but pushes the negative effects of its installation directly into our neighborhood. It creates new bottlenecks to access and safe travel on the narrow sidewalks of Second Street. It elevates quality-of-life and viability impacts to adjacent non-bar, non-restaurant businesses.

Belmont Shore residents — those who will be most directly and adversely hurt by this installation — have a deep personal stake in the outcome of this hearing. As Mayor Richardson has stated of the permanent parklets program at this juncture, it is indeed a “neighborhood issue.” Not all neighborhoods are alike, and while other locations across the city may be conducive to permanent parklets, and even welcomed by those respective neighborhoods, Belmont Shore is by geography, density and need not one of them.

As such, the input of Belmont Shore residents must be weighted foremost in your discussion and decision-making. The profit interests of a single bar cannot come before the quality-of-life needs of the residents who will be most harmed. The recreational

desires of residents from outside the impacted area cannot outweigh basic safeguards for actual community inhabitants, be they homeowners or tenants.

To date, from the approval of the ordinance in 2018 through the implementation of and wind-down of the temporary parklets program, the residents that would be most harmed by the prospect of permanent parklets in Belmont Shore have been sidelined, their input minimized, their voices muted.

Councilwoman Price, in one of her final acts in office, initiated legislation that pointedly removed community orgs such as ours and the Belmont Shore Residents Assn. from the conversation. Local residents, on the guidance of Ms. Price and other city leaders, had little awareness of the possible rollout of permanent parklets on Second Street until very recently.

The prescribed first step in the permanent parklet applications process, the Zoning Administrator hearing, has been inadequately noticed such that impacted community members are typically unaware of the first hearing. Its proceedings are not recorded for later review by interested residents. There are no meeting minutes available on the city website. Conditions of Approval are initiated at this step but engagement is almost exclusively between the ZA and the business owners directly. Draft conditions are not readily available in the community nor published and elevated by the District 3 council office. Even minor pushback by one of the business owners — as seen with Belmont Brewing Company, Legends, Open Sesame and the Win-Dow — results in marked softening of the Conditions. Language such as “must” and “shall” is watered down to “encourage.”

Residents who then wish to appeal a ZA decision on any parklet application are then required to take their case to the Planning Commission. Through 2023, the mandatory fee for such an appeal was more than \$400, a marked onus to any individual resident or community group. That same appeal is now, in 2024, more than \$700. The businesses seeking a parklet permit, of course, can and will readily pay such fees toward their long-term financial interest.

To date, there has been no answer to public query as to how this “final” appeal hearing for Legends or any future parklet applicant will be conducted. Are the appellants at prior steps not allowed to present their case to city council?

We note in the application packet that Legends has mustered 20 letters of “support” — all submitted after the deadline but still somehow accepted and collated. Legends will no doubt conjure a round of input from vested employees and bar patrons at this

evening's hearing, all echoing the same "We love Legends! We love outdoor dining" script.

But the many dozens of emails you've received from actual impacted residents are filled with meaningful personal descriptions of the ill effects of parklets on their friends and neighbors personally and on their community as a whole. They are well thought out, and borne from a deep frustration from years of feeling not only not heard but casually disregarded by their elected representatives. The succession of encroachments by Sidewalk Dining, the unchecked growth of bars and restaurants without meaningful parking-mitigation requirements, the invasion of delivery trucks blocking traffic and parking to service these establishments, the proliferation of noise, trash, dog feces and patrons' vomit have amassed, unabated by city enforcement and legislative oversight.

Residents have told the founders of Parking Not Parklets over and over for three years: They're fed up. They are angry at not being listened to by city leaders and departments. They are mad regarding the growing loss of safety and accessibility wrought by bars and restaurants. They are irate over the diminishment of their daily quality of life for the benefit of bars and restaurants seeking larger profit margins.

Belmont Shore is not an "entertainment zone." It is a residential/retail area whose walkability and neighborhood integrity, per the LCP, must be prioritized.

DENY this application by Legends. Enough is enough!

— Parking Not Parklets

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Brian Cochrane <bshoresbrian@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:42 PM
To: City Manager; Council District 3; Parking Not Parklets; CityClerk; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9; Mayor
Subject: DENY: Parklet application by Legends (Item #13 on council agenda for 2/13/24)

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Councilwoman Duggan and City Leaders,

I ask you to draw a line today on the invasive, ill-suited attempt to install permanent parklets on Second Street in Belmont Shore. DENY the application by Legends and all future bars and restaurants seeking more public space for private gain.

Legends' pursuit of a permanent parklet flies in the face of the abundantly stated wishes of those of us who live in the community and who will live with the harms it brings.

"Deserving" is not the question. Legends' past behavior and lack of engagement with its residential neighbors on an array of issues shows it is not worthy of such a granting of land at minimal cost to its owners but with deep long-term pains for its community. Legends is the neighbor who takes, but never gives back.

"Fair" is not the question. How can city officials rationalize the taking of public space to give, for minimum fee consideration, to a private enterprise. The parklet adds nothing of value to the community. In fact, its presence diminishes it. It causes harm.

"Reasonable" IS the question. In the balance of wants and needs, both local and citywide, how can this gross encroachment, which will remove essential parking opportunities while pushing customers, staff, and delivery vehicles further into our residential community, add to noise and congestion, obstruct the flow of traffic, and pose blind spots adverse to other businesses and nearby intersections, be considered a reasonable addition to our neighborhood? Would any of you appreciate a similar structure around the block from your home, with its incumbent burdens and quality-of-life pains? I think not.

By now you will have seen an array of emails, presentations and statements regarding the very real impacts of this proposed parklet and the additional others that will certainly follow if this application is approved. The depth of information and meaningful input in opposition should be overwhelming.

Tonight you will hear still more impassioned views on why these parklets are a bad proposition for our neighborhood. I hope you'll take these to heart, and put empathy before policy, community before commerce.

Please stop this parklets overreach. Say "NO" and DENY the application by Legends.

Earnestly,

Brian Cochrane
Community resident, NLP graduate & facilitator, advocate for the greatest good for all

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Nancy Buchanan <nancybfit@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:15 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Item number 13-Legends Parklet

-EXTERNAL-

I support Legends having a permanent parklet Legends supports our community events.
Parklet will handle extra clientele.

I have owned in Belmont Shore for over 20 years.

Nancy Buchanan



Sent from my iPhone

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Lorinda Drake <ldrake@belmontathleticclub.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:33 AM
To: CityClerk; Kristina Duggan
Cc: Parking Not Parklets; Estela Tejidor
Subject: No Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

As a business owner in Belmont Shore, I strongly oppose the need for parklets. We are an small business employer but with 90+ employees. We average 500 client visits per day, which I am sure very few other businesses can match. We also have a restaurant attached to our business, Murphy's Pub, which will see no benefit from parklets on 2nd Street.

Our clients from the Belmont Athletic Club experience issues in finding parking already as do the patrons from Murphy's Pub. Giving parklets to deep pocket businesses will only harm the small businesses on the street who are already struggling with the economy. Belmont Shore does not have the availability of public parking to handle the number of cars coming into the area now! Removal of any parking spaces with the parklets further adds to the lack of parking issue.

The lack of parking is not a new issue. I looked to purchase a home during the 70's in Belmont Shore and there was a parking issue back then! We ended up buying in Bixby Knolls. There were no empty storefronts during that time period and the lack of parking still exists today even before parklets!

I am sure if you are the property owner where these "top end" restaurants are going in would love to have parklets. But it does not serve the needs of the majority of the businesses and the homeowners of Belmont Shore.

The parklets installed during the pandemic were unsightly, not well kept and a haven for rats because of the filth that collected. They were a danger to the bicyclists that ride 2nd Street daily.

The City proposes to reduce the speed to 20mph in the Shore, which we know will not be observed as the 25mph is not observed now. The majority of cars driving through Belmont Shore don't even know what the speed limit is because of the lack of signage.

The other option proposed was for the customers to use the beach lots. Very few customers will fee safe walking 1/2 mile to 2nd Street! Crime has risen in Belmont Shore in the last few years and having customers walk further to their cars because of lack of parking close to the 2nd Street businesses should not be allowed.

Please take into consideration the needs of the community and not the few, with the deep pockets, who are pushing for the parklets.

Lorinda Drake Crow

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Monique DeLaGarza

From: Katie H <oatsco@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:18 AM
To: CityClerk; Nick Kaspar; Council District 3
Subject: Legend's Parklet and All Parklets in Long Beach - Landscaping

-EXTERNAL-

Hello:

I request that the Legend's parklet be appealed or delayed for further discussion and implementation of a minimum landscaping buffer along the street edges.

The parklets in the LB Parklet Handbook (which is now 5 years + old) showcase a landscaping element along the street edges. A minimum landscaping element of relevant size and visibility also supports the City's CAP plan - Appendix B EH-2 and the December 2023 transportation staff report to the Climate Resiliency Commission recommending more landscaped streets and sidewalks to create spaces and environments that encourage walking and biking over car use (I'm unable to find the PDF of this report online) (reminder that the adjacent traffic lane is a shared bike lane).

Secondarily, I'd also like to request a stricter design requirement - currently it sounds like a plain rod iron fence on the interior, with exterior wood panels, creating an unfinished interior look and temporary feel. Versus the planters midway on Berlin's parklet provide a nice "break" in the long side wall along the street (last image below), really softening the space and adding interest. Berlin's is a quality design.

If we are going to give up the parking spaces, I would vote for a nice green belt in the space over more restaurant space. However, I see how the pros of these two use options can coexist for both restaurant and a green space, providing the City requires a good amount of landscaping and quality design at each parklet. It should feel like a nice park-like (park-let) gathering space.

The Legend's parklet will set the tone for all the other parklets and the landscaping is critical to making the space look welcoming/soft and providing beneficial social/health and environmental elements. The current design does not fit these values and goals of the City Sustainability team and the health/environmental interests of the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,
Katie

Images from the LB Parklet Handbook:



Monique DeLaGarza

From: Julie Dean <julz.travels@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 7:06 PM
To: Mayor; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9; City Manager; parkingnotparklets@gmail.com; CityClerk
Subject: Legends Parklet Opposition— Julie Dean, 27 year Belmont Shore resident

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Officials,

My name is Julie Dean. I am a 27 year resident of Belmont Shore and I have been on the board of the Belmont Shore Residents Association for 15 years, the last two as president.

I urge the City Council to DENY this parklet permit for Legends for the following reasons:

Legends has already gotten public space in the form of sidewalk dining in 1996-97; now they're asking for more free public space.

This project is of course supported by Legends' customers, but it is overwhelmingly NOT supported by neighbors. We have 700 signatures from local residents who do not want permanent parklets. They were never asked, yet they are major stakeholders in this situation. This parklet is also NOT supported by dozens of retail and service businesses located on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore. They have no voice because much is controlled by the bars and restaurants.

I am disabled and every time I traversed the sidewalk near Legends at the time of temporary parklets during the pandemic, I had to be hyper-aware of staff barreling out of the door with hot and heavy plates and drinks, not looking left or right, as if Legends owned the sidewalk. Additionally, patrons would mingle on the sidewalk while watching the TVs and talking to folks inside, further encroaching on pedestrians' right-of-way. The management failed to properly deal with and train their staff on these issues over a two and a half year period; there is no indication that this will change in the future.

Belmont Shore has been parking-impacted for decades, yet now suddenly we think it's okay to remove vital parking spaces on 2nd Street? The city has had five separate parking studies completed (that I know of) by third parties, each costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. But no real results. We need help and solutions, not lazy comments like, "if residents would only use their garages for parking." The vast majority of people who don't park in their garages, cannot park in their garages; they were built for Model A's and today's cars simply don't fit in them.

The city offers free bus passes to the staff of 2nd Street businesses, however Legends, consistently month-after-month has zero ridership. With the amount of staff Legends employs, there should be some number using this free service.

I have said this over and over again, but no one seems to hear me. Legends' parklet doesn't mean just two spaces being removed. It means two spaces, plus all of the spaces used by the cars of the 20 people patronizing the parklet, AND the cars of the additional staff needed to support the parklet. That is FAR more than two. Belmont Shore cannot handle that. Please stop this.

I'm also concerned with the Conditions of Approval and feel they should be far more robust. And there are minimal details regarding the signage stating the parklet is a public space. How many signs are required when two parking spaces are being used for a parklet vs. one parking space? Where must they be posted? What size will they be? What size font is required?

What about signage that the sidewalk is a pedestrian walkway, and that pedestrians have the right-of-way?

The enforcement phone number is supposed to be on the signage, however will there be an easy reporting mechanism? Will calls be logged, acknowledged? Will the data be analyzed? If after hours or weekends, will there be a recording set up?

Why is there no condition relating to dog water dishes, bikes, sandwich board signs, host stands, menu stands, heaters, standing umbrellas, potted plants, leashed dogs in the parklet, etc? All of these already encroach into the sidewalk space in Belmont Shore. And no enforcement occurs.

Why is there no limitation on hours of deliveries, especially considering the delivery truck/bus stop fiascos we've had on 2nd Street? I have twice observed and documented a delivery truck parked in a bus stop for 1 ½ hours over the last couple of months. Eight buses had to drive past that stop in that time period, unable to drop off or pick up passengers. Consider how this affects those with disabilities, difficulty walking, children.

Oversight and enforcement simply does not happen! I love our city but we are not good at oversight or enforcement in several realms.

This land belongs to the people, the community, the public. NOT for-profit businesses.

Thank you for your time and attention. Again, please deny this permit.

Thank you, Julie

Julie Dean



Monique DeLaGarza

From: Belmont Shore Business Association <bsba@belmontshore.org>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:13 PM
To: Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 4; CityClerk; Council District 3; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9
Subject: Support of parklets in Belmont Shore

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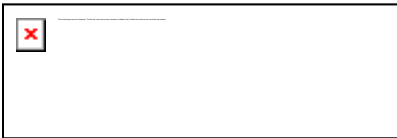
From: Cynthia Moore <cmoore@longbeachclothing.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 3:58 PM
To: Belmont Shore Business Association <bsba@belmontshore.org>
Subject: Re: Members - Letter from BSBA President

We are in support of parklets in Belmont Shore.

Thank you,
Cynthia Moore
Co-Owner

Long Beach Clothing Co.

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Monique DeLaGarza

From: Cindy Howard <cindy@matikoshoes.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 4:09 PM
To: CityClerk; Council District 3
Subject: Item 13: Legends Parklets

-EXTERNAL-

Hello, Hope all is well!

As a resident of Belmont Shore, I wanted to write a quick note to say that I am in favor of Legends Parklet on 2nd Street (an any others who are allowed).

We enjoy the outdoor dining experience and having that option.

Thank you!

Cindy Howard


Monique DeLaGarza

From: Paul Nelson <creationsinlight@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 2:19 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Council District 3
Subject: Item #13 - Legends Parklet

-EXTERNAL-

I do **not** support the parklet on Second Street in front of Legends. While the parklets were appropriate during the covid-19 epidemic, there is no longer a need for a private business to occupy city property.

In addition, the Second Street area is parking constrained with insufficient parking. The removal of two parking spaces compounds the parking problem because it creates more demand for parking. Assume the new parklet holds 4 tables, which will require parking for 4 couples. The parklet created new demand for 4 spaces, yet 2 spaces were taken away. If parklets expand on Second street it will exacerbate the parking problem in the area.

I urge the City Council to deny the parklet request on Second Street.

Paul Nelson
Long Beach, CA

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Jeff Miller <Jeff.Miller@csulb.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:51 PM
To: Mayor; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9; City Manager; CityClerk
Subject: City Council meeting February 13 agenda item 13 - Legends Sports Bar request for a parklet permit

-EXTERNAL-

This request by Legends Sports Bar for a permanent parklet should be denied.

Permitting of parklets should be considered as a neighborhood-specific issue, and in the context of the entire neighborhood, as are other issues such as zoning regulations, variance requests, street markings and signage, speed limits, and parking accommodations, to name a few. These issues are not determined as one city-wide regulation. Parklet requests must be dealt with in the same way.

Belmont Shore is a distinct neighborhood in the city. The residents and businesses support each other. Together, they make this a unique, desirable neighborhood. The importance of this is stated clearly in the city's general plan. Second Street is not an entertainment district, to be managed in isolation. Any issues affecting the Shore must include and consider the input and needs of the 8,000 residents of the Shore. A decision about parklets must not cater only to the dozen or so restaurants that would be profiting from a gift of public space to increase their revenue. The concerns and problems cited with parklets are issues of quality of life. Not only for residents, but for all the visitors and patrons who come here. Parklets would inconvenience everyone except those few businesses which hope to profit from them. This is unwise and unjust.

While parklets may be appropriate in some neighborhoods in the city, Belmont Shore is not one of them. The Shore is simply too crowded and too parking-impacted. There are numerous questions and concerns about parklets in Belmont Shore. There has been no formal outreach to residents in Belmont Shore about this specific parklet or parklets in general. No surveying, no polling, no meetings, no voting. Despite this vacuum, there is considerable opposition throughout the neighborhood, for good reasons.

Please reference the many comments in your packet from concerned residents in Belmont Shore, each of which states specific, meaningful reasons why this and any parklets should be prohibited in this neighborhood. Contrast this with the comments in support of this parklet, which are from patrons and employees of Legends, which mostly state nothing more than "I support this parklet". These statements are mostly from people who do not live in Belmont Shore; they were simply encouraged by Legends to submit these one-sentence statements.

Please vote to deny this request by Legends.

Jeff Miller

Belmont Shore resident

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Kathie Sitton <kathie@cbcblair.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:33 PM
To: CityClerk; Kristina Duggan
Cc: Belmont Shore Business Association
Subject: Support of Belmont Shore Parklets

-EXTERNAL-

I am writing to express my full support of the Belmont Shore parklets. I was born and raised in Long Beach and have lived in the Belmont Shore area for a good portion of my adult life. I have never seen Belmont Shore thrive as much as it has right now, and with so much more to come. There are so many fun and unique restaurants now and coming and great new shops. There have been wonderful events attended by families, young adults, older adults. This past chocolate and wine event was absolutely wonderful. I attended and people were raving about it. We would not have had the participation that we had from people both in and out of the area, if we did not have the restaurants and shops there to attract them.

Let's keep this momentum going. Our beautiful City of Long Beach thrives on the fun of being outdoors. Let's allow these restaurants to have the parklets and outdoor seating to help them thrive.

Thank you!!

Kathie Lozano Sitton
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Monique DeLaGarza

From: annie mekertichian <annie_mek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:14 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

I support the Parklets on second street.

I am a local and a business owner and enjoy being able to eat outdoors!

Annie

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Belmont Shore Business Association <bsba@belmontshore.org>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:21 PM
To: Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 4; CityClerk; Council District 3; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9
Subject: Support Legends Parklet

-EXTERNAL-

From: Shara Stores <sharastores@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:51 AM
To: Belmont Shore Business Association <bsba@belmontshore.org>
Subject: Re: Members - Letter from BSBA President

Hello,

We are contacting you from Shara Stores, a women's boutique located locally on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore. We are reaching out in support of parklets in Belmont Shore. The more opportunities people have to dine on the street allows us to have access to more customers in our stores. We are strong proponents of supporting our local restaurants as they help us bring in much needed business. During the peak of parklets use on 2nd street, we had some of the busiest seasons we had had in years. All businesses are coming upon hard times right now as we enter our slowest season while also in a recession. Allowing for the opportunity to bring in more people to enjoy our nice weather and dine outside with their pets would mean a large boost in business to restaurants & retailers on the street.

- Joey Hafner & Chanita Fondacaro

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Mike Rhodes <mrhodster@cs.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:19 PM
To: Heather
Cc: CityClerk; Kristina Duggan; Stacy Evans; Lance Enos; Michael Torrenueva
Subject: Re: Disagreement on Parklet Issue - Letter from BSBA President

-EXTERNAL-

Hi Heather,

Thank you for your email about supporting the parklet movement on Second Street. I realize I am likely in the minority, but nevertheless as the oldest restaurant in Long Beach, I believe I have an important voice to share regarding this issue.

There is no question that the parklets had their place during Covid, and provided an opportunity to continue on premise dining for restaurants during that period. We also benefitted from our parklet during that time. That being said, it would be negligent not to share the problems that the parklets created, and will create should they return in full force. I understand the temptation for bars and restaurants to embrace the parklet concept, as it increases seating capacity, visibility, and potentially sales without increasing rent or requiring a large investment. In some establishments, they had more seating in the parklets than they had in interior seats. But allow me to share why I do not embrace this concept.

1. Parking. There is and has always been a huge lack of parking for Second Street businesses, which is getting worse as more businesses are opening. The addition of parklets only reduces the number of street parking spaces, further impacting the problem. Residents have shared with me their frustration during Covid of their neighborhoods becoming a parking lot.

2. Public Safety. As a family restaurant celebrating 70 years in our location in Belmont Shore, we learned the hard way how parklets can impact our business. Being next to a self-proclaimed dive bar that opened a parklet, we experienced problems on a daily basis. The problems included public drunkenness, loud profanity, public vomiting, fist fights on the sidewalk (that often spilled over into our parklet), bullying, drinking on the sidewalk and street areas (outside of the parklets), sidewalks being blocked, and constant complaints from our guests regarding the behavior and noise of customers from our neighboring parklet. On one evening, when a fight broke out and spilled into our space, our entire parklet full of guests ran for their own safety. We were not even able to collect payment for their orders. We called the police on several occasions, which proved a waste of time. The police either would not, or could not control the situation, and were not able or willing to solve any of these problems. I also met with Suzie Price's office, but the city simply proved that they cannot enforce the parklet rules and laws.

3. Second Street Image. Belmont Shore is a vibrant shopping and dining area, and has always been a family friendly destination. As a family friendly restaurant that also enjoys a sizeable senior citizen clientele, the image of decaying parklets (let's face it, by the end of Covid, they almost resembled homeless encampments in some cases) with public drinking and loud bar crowds, it changed. Many of our regulars told us without hesitation that they did not feel safe or comfortable as they once did.

In short, I do not think parklets are a "piece of the puzzle." It certainly would be a plus for many of the businesses, especially bars and restaurants that do not have enough seating. But for businesses that happen to be adjacent to problem-causing establishments, it would create insurmountable problems that could destroy our business. I have yet to see any proof that the city is willing to take on the burden of enforcing parklet rules, and providing the police presence necessary, which would be integral in maintaining a family friendly atmosphere that Second Street deserves.

Sincerely,

Mike Rhodes
Owner
Domenico's Belmont Shore

On Monday, February 12, 2024 at 08:39:01 AM PST, Heather <bsba@belmontshore.org> wrote:

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Letter from BSBA Board President - Response Requested

Dear BSBA Members,

I believe Parklets are a very important step in the evolution of 2nd street into a thriving destination for all levels of food and retail.

We are currently in a position that we have not ever seen before-top restaurants that would only go to the most trendy, swanky and expensive areas are now knocking on our doors in hope of being your neighbor. These social media darlings are marketing juggernauts that will only increase your business. They (South of Nicks, L'antica Pizzeria da Michelle, Win-dow, Breakfast Republic, Northern Café, SweetFin, etc,) will bring people from all over, and not just Long Beach, but LA County and Orange County too.

It is up to us to be prepared for these new customers and have a lively & Inviting (clean store fronts) atmosphere that will retain their interests so they might return and also tell friends about the wonderful place called Belmont Shore. Parklets are just a piece of the puzzle and I hope you all realize this as a plus for Belmont Shore.

If you agree, please send an email of [support for parklets](mailto:supportforparklets@longbeach.gov) to the City Clerk - cityclerk@longbeach.gov and our Council Office kristina.duggan@longbeach.gov TODAY.

- Kurt Schneider, President, Belmont Shore Business Association

OR REPLY TO THIS EMAIL - and Heather will forward

The Legend's Parklet approval or denial comes before City Council on Tuesday (Tomorrow) February 13th, 2024 @ 5pm.

Please get comments in by end of day, today February 12.

You can also attend the meeting in person at:
Long Beach City College (Liberal Arts Campus)
4901 E. Carson, Bldg T

NOTE this will NOT be at City Hall - which is undergoing upgrades



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Monique DeLaGarza

From: Barbara 'BJ' Newell <bjandthecoach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 11:44 AM
To: CityClerk; Council District 3
Subject: ITEM 13 - LEGENDS PARKLET

-EXTERNAL-

As Belmont Shore residents, we would like to express our support for Legends permanent parklet to be approved. Done properly, outdoor dining made possible by parklets add an inviting atmosphere to Second Street.

Thank you for taking our views into consideration,
Barbara and David Newell


Monique DeLaGarza

From: tspaldinggrim@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:36 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Support Legends Parklet Application

-EXTERNAL-

I am in support of Legends Parklet Application as many of my neighbors. Thank you for your consideration. Theresa Spalding Grimaldi.

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Carmen Lorbeer <lemcoproperties@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:35 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern,

I fully support parklets in Belmont Shore.

Carmen Lorbeer

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Nicky Clair <nicky@georgesgreekcafe.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:22 AM
To: CityClerk; Kristina Duggan
Subject: Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Nicky Loizides Clair and I am the owner of Georges Greek Cafe in Belmont Shore. During the pandemic, we had the privilege and honor to have a parklet that was approved by City and local Council members. Without these parklets, our businesses would not have survived. They allowed us to keep our businesses operating and allow customers to feel safer about being out and about in an otherwise "quarantined" environment. What we also realized is that it invigorated a once-thriving community. (People loved being outside in a very "European style" environment.) It also allowed pet lovers to bring their beloved pets out into a natural environment while enjoying their meals. As it stands now, we only have a total of 4 two tops on our patio and we can accommodate small to medium size pets only. If it is a medium-sized pet, we tend to lose a table because guests can not sit at the opposite table for fear of stepping on the animal.

Belmont Shore used to be an area that people loved to come to and "hang out" whether it was taking a stroll and enjoying the day or visiting stores and restaurants in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, we have lost that luster and are trying to bring people back to our beautiful Belmont Shore. This is what the Parklets did for us in the pandemic. It felt busy and full of energy and life. We have lost a lot of business to the outlying areas and need to make a concerted effort to bring customers back.

I know that some residents are afraid that this will impact parking because of the loss of parking spaces and it is a legitimate concern, however, many people use different modes of transportation now. Services like Uber, Lyft, electric bikes, regular bikes, scooters, and let's not forget, the Circuit. As a working owner, I park in the shore almost every day and don't have a problem finding parking.

The parklets fill the street with energy from young to old, from human to animal. We will be investing large amounts of time and money to make these parklets look beautiful and feel safe. Please look at the larger picture and envision what these parklets could do for our community and what a positive impact they will have. These parklets have been installed and tried in many of our local Long Beach communities and have received many favorable responses. People bring in people! (They also bring in tax dollars to our city.)

Please approve these Parklets. Help our businesses survive and make our community look and feel beautiful again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicky Loizides Clair

Owner/Operator-Georges Greek Cafe

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Cheryl Swade <cherylswade@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:27 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Clerk,

As a business owner in Belmont Shore, I am deeply concerned with the evolution of 2nd Street.

People WANT to go spend their time and money in a beautiful area... and OTHER beach communities are shining MUCH BRIGHTER with wonderful white lights across the streets, as well as uniform PARKLETS...allowing folks to dine outside, enjoy the amazing weather of Southern California.

We NEED to upgrade our 2nd Street aesthetic if we want to be more -Destination Location- for Southern California. It's sadly one of the least attractive Beach Towns in So.Cal.

We can ABSOLUTELY change that.

Let's make 2nd Street in Belmont Shore... a TRULY beautiful place for our community to enjoy, as well as a fantastic destination place for visitors.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Let's be awesome with efficiency...

proud of our ability to SHINE!!!

ACTION is awesome!!

Kindest regards,

Cheryl Swade

Owner of Urban Eden

Urban Eden


Monique DeLaGarza

From: Heather <hotbarbque@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:21 AM
To: CityClerk; Council District 1; Council District 7; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 8; Council District 9
Subject: I support parklets

-EXTERNAL-

Dear city council members,

I strongly support fairness and equality in Long Beach. I am a resident in Rose Park, off of the 4th street corridor. I enjoy the parklets at Lola's, Little Coyote, Social List, Art Du vin, and Wide Eyes Open Palm. These 5 parklets exist within 3 blocks near the most densely populated, and most parking impacted neighborhood in Long Beach - Alamitos Beach.

If a neighborhood that suffers from the most parking problems in the city can have parklets, why not Belmont Shore?

I work in Belmont Shore and arrive every day finding open parking spots.

I have surveyed the residential streets regularly and never find them without an open spot.

To be clear - I support fairness and equality and therefore support parklets in Belmont Shore.

Heather

Registered voter. Long Beach resident since 1975 and never over 30 years have had a problem finding parking in Belmont Shore.

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Robb Korinke <robb@grassrootslab.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:18 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Kristina Duggan
Subject: Support of Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

Hello, I am writing in favor of parklets in Belmont Shore. I own a business located at the corner of Park and 2nd, and live in Belmont Shore. I am strongly in favor of the parklets which support our local restaurants. Restaurants have suffered greatly through COVID as well as rising costs for labor, food and other supplies. We need to do everything we can to support them, and the parklets are generally good for our quality of life in the Shore.

Moreover, the Shore is now facing increasing competition from PCH and 2nd and other developments throughout the city. So as a local business and owner i strongly support these parklets.

Thank You
Robb Korinke.

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Jenny <jenny@tacoshore.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:13 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

Good morning

I kindly request your unwavering support for the parklets in the beautiful city of Long Beach. These urban oases, meticulously designed for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike, serve as a testament to our commitment to enhancing the livability and vibrancy of our community. As we strive to nurture a harmonious coexistence between nature and urbanity, your invaluable support will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of this endeavor.

Yours faithfully,
Jennifer Cuevas

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Angela Keen <angela@saludjuice.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:08 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Angela and I own a juice bar on 2nd st and I am emailing go let you know that I am 100% FOR parklettes on our street. I believe it is an integral part to the growth of our community!

Angela Keen
Salud Juice, Inc
Lost & Found Properties LLC

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Matt Tavlarides <matt@louieson2nd.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:45 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Dad
Subject: Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

Good morning,

Please accept this letter of support of the parklet program in Belmont Shore.

Allowing business owners to evolve with the demand of their clientele is imperative to the continued success of the Shore. I urge your office to support these businesses by offering a cost-free path to securing parklets as an extension of their existing operation.

Thank you,

Matt Tavlarides | Louie's on 2nd


Monique DeLaGarza

From: onemouse11@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2024 10:31 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Council District 3
Subject: Item #13 Legends Parklet - Deny the Application

-EXTERNAL-

City of Long Beach Council Members

If I were a business owner, I would like to increase my seating capacity by getting a parklet approved:

It is not in the best interest for nearby residents to allow it.

When parking spots are taken up by parklets and other parking spots which are planned to disappear for extremely large, long and heavy trucks to park free of charge to deliver merchandise, which is my understanding, metered spaces will be limited/reserved for oversized delivery trucks and will not allow private vehicles to park once the metered spots are removed.

Supposedly, the current business alleys cannot accommodate the merchandise drops. Clearly it is time to understand the neighborhood is designated as a parking impacted area and should not continue to bear the brunt of business taking away parking.

As my representative(s), kindly look at the issue as a parking impacted area, where continued elimination of metered parking spaces will continue to push visitors to park within and on our neighborhood streets. Why should this be allowed to occur?

We are no longer in the dangers of the Covid pandemic that necessitated restaurants to establish outdoor seating, then why should the City of Long Beach government elected officials consider giving away public space from its residents to business?

The idea of giving up both parking and limiting walking space to commercial business that rightly belongs to the public is ludicrous. Is it the business or the taxpayer that has the right?

Currently, I can safely enjoy walking along 2nd Street as the parklets were removed. It has been most pleasant and quite delightful not to have to watch for waiters darting in and out and often feeling fearful of being injured or knocked down.

Therefore, I kindly implore you to consider your action and vote against parklets along 2nd Street. We don't want them, and as a City of Long Beach council, collectively, should not be giving up public space and should clearly deny the Legends Parklet application.

Kind Regards
Aileen Colon
3rd District Resident

cc: district3@longbeach.gov.

Monique DeLaGarza

From: mona morris <mfgmorris@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2024 9:36 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Council District 3
Subject: Item #3 - Legend's Parklets

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

We are against parklets for Legend's. There is serious safety issue because this restaurant (among other restaurants) already have used part of the sidewalk to add permanent area for more tables and therefore juts out to the sidewalk. When Legend's had the temporary parklets, the sidewalk got even narrower for pedestrian use because customers often stood on or crowded the sidewalk. The servers coming in and out were also a hazard. Ambulatory pedestrians barely had enough space to walk and had to give way to people walking on the opposite direction. This is even more problematic wheelchair users. We also know that people use bikes & skateboards on sidewalks even though they aren't supposed to. This is the main issue for us.

Parklets in general also add safety problem because the drivers cannot see pedestrians, cyclists or cars well because they block visual field. This part of 2nd Street is too narrow to have two lanes for cars, that we couldn't even have a dedicated bike lane; cars and cyclists have to share lanes. However, it's now a main thoroughfare to only have one lane. Parklets also take up parking spaces in Belmont Shore where parking is already a problem.

I hope the Council & City Clerk will consider the residents input in weighing whether permanent parklets should be approved in Belmont Shore.

Thank you.

Ben & Mona Morris

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Monique DeLaGarza

From: cari Kehr <carikehr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2024 6:07 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Support Legends Parklet

-EXTERNAL-

As a friends of Belmont shore, treasure's , I support Legends Parklet. It's an iconic sports bar that has been there since I was a kid and it's truly legend on 2nd Street.

Cari Kehr
Sent from my iPhone

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Ann Burke <annburkework@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 9:33 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Parklets

-EXTERNAL-

I do not want parklets on 2nd street. I have been in Belmont Shore for years and do not want the eyesore of parakeets on our retail street. Parking is hard enough. Trying to see around them during Covid was a joke.

NO!

Ann Burke

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Katie H <oatsco@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 7:27 PM
To: Council District 3
Cc: CityClerk; Nick Kaspar
Subject: Fw: Parklets - Inquiry

-EXTERNAL-

Hello:

I'm following up on the inquiry below. I have not received any correspondence regarding the questions I have for the parklets.

Given that the parklet appeal hearing is on Tuesday Feb 13th, may I receive the requested information Monday morning, or request for the parklet appeal agenda item to be postponed.

Thank you for your assistance.
Katie

From: Katie H <oatsco@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:57 PM
To: Councilwoman Suzie Price (Mobile Friendly) <district3@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Parklets - Inquiry

Hello District 3:

Thank you to the council office for hosting the town hall. It's a great idea and I'm appreciative to your team for the time and efforts to continue such events. It was a great environment to hear the opinions and concerns of fellow neighbors, and have them addressed with the work the council office is doing. Really opens the door for collaboration and thank you for your service!

One of the issues that seemed in contention are the proposed parklets. I hadn't given much opinion to this, but it made me curious. May I receive more background on the pros and cons. (The parklets are a done deal or not a done deal for 2nd Street?)

May I receive guidance/documents on the following (looks worse than it is):

1. What is the increase in city revenue by having the Parklets on 2nd Street? Is there sales tax data for the period with the parklet and the period without the parklet?
2. Is it possible to tell if this "additional" dollars to 2nd Street, or if this is just reallocation of one restaurant with a parklet from a restaurant that doesn't have a parklet?
3. What is the monthly rent for the space?

4. How is it being mitigated for landlords not to benefit financially from the premium outdoor space, versus the citizens? I did read the permit is not transferrable from owners, but they could charge more rent to the tenant. Would there be a high re-permit fee for the new owner for the beneficial value?
5. It sounds like all parklets are still public space and allowed to be used by anyone.
 - a. Will the city council continue to support this?
 - b. How will restaurants address this if a non-patron is waiting for a table, and patrons are waiting also - who has first rights?
6. What are the building standards for the parklets? I apologize, I couldn't find a link; I'm sure there is one.
 - a. Is there a standard design so that the street doesn't look like a hodge podge?
 - b. If no standard design, rules on design elements?
 - c. Is there a landscaping requirement? Landscaping buffer with the street?
 - d. No signage or advertising, including free-standing signs?
 - e. Will the meter and the bike rack be removed, which may help the flow.
 - f. No trees will be removed, correct?
 - g. Are renderings available for the Legend's location?
7. Are there policies on usage that will be enforced?
 - a. Parklet users cannot be on any part of the sidewalk, including the area between the meter and the bike rack
 - b. This would include FFE (fixtures, tables, heat lamps, signs, servers taking orders, patrons waiting for a table, etc.). It was getting a little out of hand during post-pandemic.
8. Is it possible for the "additional" sales tax and rental income generated to stay within Belmont Shore - maybe for cleaning and increased landscaping, that seemed to be another hot topic.
9. Is there a provision for removal of the parklets in case it's not working out, or a term limit say of 10 years?

I apologize for the laundry list. If there's a Q&A page that already addresses these items, by all means point it to me.

Thank you for addressing my questions!

Katie

Monique DeLaGarza

From: estelatejidor@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 5:03 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Please do not approve the Legends parklet!!

-EXTERNAL-

Ms., De la Garza:

The residents of Belmont Shore have NEVER wanted permanent parklets on Second Street. This was tolerated during the pandemic because we wanted the restaurant businesses to remain viable, but we cannot give up parking spaces in the most population dense neighborhood in Long Beach.

Everyone enjoys outdoor dining, but to take public land and give it to a for-profit business is WRONG! I don't see how this can be a legal act! Seal Beach and Huntington Beach have taken down their parklets. Why is Long Beach placing permanent parklets on a busy thoroughfare in a parking-impact neighborhood. This makes no sense at all.

Please side for the residents and help us maintain our quality of life, so we can come home and park our cars on the block where we live!

Yours truly,

Estela Tejidor

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Genise Homan <genise3@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 4:07 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Council District 3
Subject: Legends Parklet, Agenda Item # 13

-EXTERNAL-

I have sent a previous email on this item and just wish to reiterate my opposition to any parklets on 2nd street in Belmont Shore. Taking up needed parking spaces, crowding the sidewalks, the spilled food & dirt & flies on the sidewalks, etc. , you've heard it all before. The parklets were not here before the pandemic & they don't need to be here now. The restaurants are back to normal business so there is no need to bring the parklets back. It is so nice to be able to walk down 2nd Street now!

Please vote NO & support the residents that have to live in the neighborhood & deal with the problems.

Thank you

Genise Homan



Sent from my iPhone

Monique DeLaGarza

From: Janet Brubaker <janet.brubaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 2:07 PM
To: Kristina Duggan; CityClerk
Subject: Parklets

-EXTERNAL-

I OPPOSE any Parklets on Second Street. Thank you. Janet
Brubaker


Monique DeLaGarza

From: Roy Hanson <royh360@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 1:59 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Parklet at Legends Long Beach

-EXTERNAL-

This is to indicate that I think a good looking regulated Parklet at this restaurant is a great idea for those who want to dine and drink out doors.

As a resident who enjoys the great restaurants on 2nd street anything that allows people to enjoy food and beverages to residents and visitors is a great idea.

Roy Hanson


Monique DeLaGarza

From: David Link <david.link@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 1:21 PM
To: CityClerk; Council District 3
Subject: Item #13 - Legends Parklet -- SUPPORT

-EXTERNAL-

I want to express my very strong support for final approval of the parklet at Legends on 2nd Street. Frankly, I'm a supporter of many parklets on 2nd Street, which gave all of us such wonderful street life. That experiment was proof of concept that a new and more lively 2nd Street is possible.

And I am proud that one of the street's longest-lived businesses will be the first of what I hope are many.

David Link


Monique DeLaGarza

From: Melinda Cotton <mbcotton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 12:37 PM
To: Tom Modica; Eric Lopez; CityClerk; CityAttorney; Rex Richardson; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 1; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9; Christopher Koontz; PlanningCommissioners; Long Beach Transit Board of Directors; Jennifer Kumiyama; Paul.VanDyck@longbeach.gov
Cc: Editor Gazettes; Editor LBPost; PT News Press Telegram; Editor LongBeachComber; Newspaper SignalTribune; CARP; parkingnotparklets@gmail.com; Belmont Shore Residents Association (BSRA)
Subject: Important New Parking Study MISSING from Legends Parklet Hearing (Item #13 on Council Agenda for Feb. 13th!!!)
Attachments: Curb Management Study Jan 2024 1.pdf

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Missing from the Staff Report for Item #13 (Hearing for Legends Parklet Application) is the City Traffic Engineer's "Belmont Shore 2nd St Curb Management Study" (*attached*) (which was presented by City Traffic Engineer Paul Van Dyck at the Jan. 18th Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission meeting).

Traffic Engineer Van Dyck's professional Recommendations are designed to prevent big, lengthy Delivery Trucks from blocking LB Transit Bus Stops and other illegal parking in red zones, etc. His Recommendations (*slide below*) include (1) **reconfiguring 56 2nd Street Metered Spaces**: turning 28 metered spaces into lengthy short-term green Loading Zone spaces in each block to accommodate Heavy Trucks/long Delivery Trucks; (2) provide another 28 short term yellow Loading Zone spaces (14 – 2-space long for each block) for 'Standard Box Trucks'; and "Add 15 ADA-accessible (blue curb) parking spaces on side streets. City Traffic Engineer Van Dyck said that 2nd Street currently has 0 (zero) ADA spaces. (Mr. Van Dyck noted the ADA Standards from the Federal "Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines" in his ADA space recommendations.)

It seems critical that these serious Recommendations by our Public Works Department's City Traffic Engineer be included and addressed before taking away additional metered spaces for patrons of private businesses such as Legends! By approving this first Permanent Parklet tonight, Legends Sports Bar will be allowed an additional 20 Patrons in its two-space Parklet... and 9 (nine) more 2nd St. Parklet Applications are already on their way to the City Council for Hearings – which would take away many more spaces, which are now utilized for public parking, in parking impacted Belmont Shore.

The City Council would be wise to **delay** acting on Legends Sports Bar application to allow time for careful consideration and implementation of the City Traffic Engineer's Recommendations for Belmont Shore 2nd Street Curb (i.e. Parking) Management.

Respectfully, Melinda Cotton
40 year resident of Belmont Shore

Recommendations

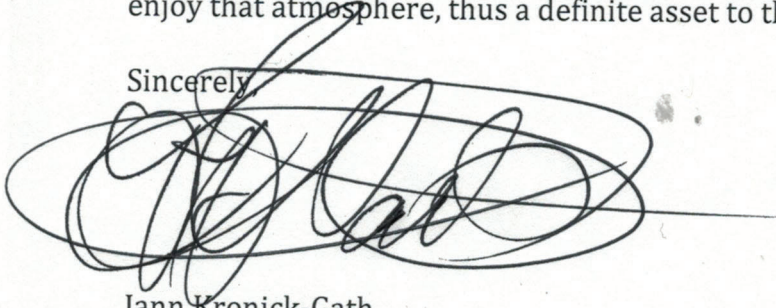
Strategies for 2nd Street

1. To meet high-turnover needs, add one or more **short-term (green curb)** parking spaces to each block (**28 spaces total**)
2. Provide **loading (yellow curb)** spaces on every block (14 spaces for standard box trucks, equivalent to **28 parking spaces**)
3. Add **ADA-accessible (blue curb)** parking spaces on adjacent side streets at every block (**15 spaces**)
4. Retain two-minute spaces but remove peak hour restriction between Claremont and Bay Shore Avenues
5. Determine feasibility of automated parking enforcement

9 February, 2024

I am writing in support of Legend's having a permitted parklet. Belmont Shore heavily relies on its business corridor so anything we can do to encourage patronage is a plus. Legends is our iconic restaurant in the shore; great owners who are very philanthropic towards the community. Today, most people love to dine outside and enjoy that atmosphere, thus a definite asset to the vitality of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jann Kronick-Gath', written over a horizontal line.

Jann Kronick-Gath
Belmont Shore resident

From: deanny lungu <deanny@lungulawgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 11:30 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Kristina Duggan <Kristina.Duggan@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Supporting Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

Hi

I am writing to let you know I am in support of the parklets in Belmont Shore!

Deanny



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From: Keith Mason <keith_mason@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:53 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Item #13 for the February 13th City Council

-EXTERNAL-

I wanted to provide my support in moving forward on parklets on 2nd Street, including the one for Legends. I really liked the atmosphere and community that the parklets bring to this commercial area.

My only concern is that the parklets are well constructed, in line with the “feel” of the area and are well maintained.

Regards,

Keith

Maggie Trinidad

From: barbara PAUL <anitaearlenancy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 6:02 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Council District 3; Friends of Belmont Shore
Subject: Legends Parklet

-EXTERNAL-

I write because I wish to take my final opportunity to plead for a HALT of the approval of a parklet on the city owned public parking space in front of Legends restaurant and Sports Bar.

In the PARKING IMPACTED Belmont Shore neighborhood it is ludicrous to squander 2 parking spaces to enhance the profitability of an already successful business. Such a parklet could accommodate roughly 20 additional patrons which, in all probability, will add additional vehicles (10 perhaps?) that would be circling the neighborhood looking for parking spaces.

The Belmont Shore Parking Commission has approved this loss of parking by allowing the business in question to pay a fee equal to what would theoretically be paid in parking meter revenue for those spaces to said Parking Commission. The Commission's reason for existence, using parking meter revenue to finance operations, is to ENHANCE parking in this area, not to reduce it. The Commissioner of the Parking Commission is directly involved in the profitability of the Legends business. While there may be nothing irregular in these transactions, it certainly looks inappropriate.

I respectfully request that this application for a Parklet in front of Legends be turned down by the City Council.

Barbara Paul
Belmont Shore Resident

Maggie Trinidad

From: estelatejidor@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 5:03 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Please do not approve the Legends parklet!!

-EXTERNAL-

Ms., De la Garza:

The residents of Belmont Shore have NEVER wanted permanent parklets on Second Street. This was tolerated during the pandemic because we wanted the restaurant businesses to remain viable, but we cannot give up parking spaces in the most population dense neighborhood in Long Beach.

Everyone enjoys outdoor dining, but to take public land and give it to a for-profit business is WRONG! I don't see how this can be a legal act! Seal Beach and Huntington Beach have taken down their parklets. Why is Long Beach placing permanent parklets on a busy thoroughfare in a parking-impact neighborhood. This makes no sense at all.

Please side for the residents and help us maintain our quality of life, so we can come home and park our cars on the block where we live!

Yours truly,

Estela Tejidor