

From: David Hansen [mailto:davedogger@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 10:56 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Suzie Price <Suzie.Price@longbeach.gov>; Lisa West <Lisa.West@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Agenda item #32; submission in support of extension of Temporary Parklet permit at Belmont Brewing Company

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Council,

I am writing in support of extending the temporary parklet permit for Belmont Brewing Company. Photos of the parklet are attached.. The parklet area does not take up parking spaces, or involve public safety or traffic hazard issues as this portion of 39th Place is not open to through traffic. In fact, Public Works has received approved plans to place bollards across 39th Place on the landward edge of the building to prevent any vehicle access as a part of an improvement plan for the Plaza area (which includes badly needed lighting). The City Council has already closed that portion of 39th Place adjacent to Belmont Brewing Company's patio but north of the Chapter 138 line. Resolution No. C-2591 and C-25792, attached.

Belmont Brewing Company has been a part of the City's attempt to revitalize this area and increase public use of the area for 32 years. Legitimate business activity is critical to that revitalization. The area needs more commercial activity, not less. The parklet provides this. As Councilman and former Commander of the Long Beach Police Department noted in his 1995 letter (attached) supporting expansion of BBC's patio:

"Expansion of this and other visitor serving commercial uses that bring the public to the Belmont pier area at dusk and after dark is of vital interest to help insure public safety.

At one point, crime, including murder, became so rampant that the City was forced to close the pier to the public at dusk"

Unfortunately, since Councilman Drummond wrote that letter 17 years ago there is even less legitimate activity in the area: the Belmont Pool is gone, La Palapa restaurant is gone, and Aqualink service to Belmont Pier is gone. The area suffers from perhaps even more crime, homeless encampments (tents on the beach now and an encampment under the Pier) and mentally ill people harassing our customers.

Maintaining this parklet also provides a greatly demanded dog friendly outside dining area for the public (per Long Beach Health Department rules, our existing patio can only accommodate service animals) as a part of the operation.

Extending the temporary permit for BBC's Parklet will enable Belmont Brewing Company to work with Public Works, the Planning Commission and the City Council to reach acceptable conditions for a more permanent parklet term.

Thanks for your consideration.

David Hansen
Belmont Brewing Company
The Hansen Family Trust

1 RESOLUTION NO. C-25791

2
3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
4 OF LONG BEACH AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. C-25728,
5 ADOPTED NOVEMBER 1, 1994, IN ITS ENTIRETY,
6 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS
7 RELATING TO THE CLOSING OF HIGHWAYS UNDER CITY
8 JURISDICTION TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
9

10 The City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
11 follows:

12 Section 1. That Resolution No. C-25728, adopted
13 November 1, 1994, is amended in its entirety to read as follows:
14

15 RESOLUTION NO. C-25728

16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
17 OF LONG BEACH ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
18 RELATING TO THE CLOSING OF HIGHWAYS UNDER CITY
19 JURISDICTION TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
20

21 WHEREAS, Section 21101 of the California Vehicle Code
22 authorizes cities to adopt rules and regulations for the closure
23 of highways under their jurisdiction to vehicular traffic; and

24 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt said rules
25 and regulations to allow such closure under certain circumstances
26 and subject to certain findings;

27 NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long
28 Beach resolves as follows:

J. R. Calhoun
City Attorney of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802-4664
(310) 570-2200

John R. Calhoun
City Attorney of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802-4664
(310) 570-2200

1 Section 1. The City Council may, by resolution, close
2 any highway under its jurisdiction to vehicular traffic pursuant
3 to the following rules and regulations:

4 A. The City Council shall, prior to closure, find and
5 determine that:

6 1. The highway is no longer needed for vehicular
7 traffic; and

8 2. The area proposed for closure does not provide and
9 is not used for vehicular access to any privately owned parcels;
10 and

11 3. It is anticipated that the area proposed for
12 closure will ultimately be incorporated into a plan for use for
13 public park or public or private recreational purposes.

14 B. The City Council shall take any action for closure
15 pursuant to those rules and regulations by resolution, which
16 resolution shall, among other things, describe the area proposed
17 for closure and shall make the findings and determinations set
18 forth above. It shall also, if the closure is proposed to be
19 temporary, set forth the period proposed for closure.

20 .Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately
21 upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall
22 certify the vote adopting this resolution.

23 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was
24 adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its

25 ///

26 ///

27 ///

28 ///


1 meeting of March 7, 1995, by the following vote:

2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

Ayes: Councilmembers: Oropeza, Lowenthal, Drummond,
Clark, Topsy-Elvord, Donelon,
Kellogg, Shultz.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Robbins.


City Clerk

Jol. Calhoun
City Attorney of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802-4664
(310) 570-2200

WHK:amp
R7CLOSE.95
2/23/95



LIVINGSTON DRIVE

OCEAN BOULEVARD

PLACE

H-3870

F-11
F-15

BELMONT BREWERY COMPANY

F-25

F-31

39TH

H-3939

MIDWAY STREET

TERMINO AVENUE

CITY PROPERTY

36'

32'

ALLIN

H-11

STREET

BIKE PATH

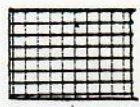
BELMONT PIER

OLYMPIC PLAZA

lot

CHAPTER 138 LINE

parking



SHOWS AREA OF CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

EXHIBIT "A"

PARCEL DESCRIPTION

CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF 39TH PLACE

That portion of 39th Place, 55 feet wide, as shown on the Resubdivision of Part of Alamitos Bay Townsite, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California, recorded in Book 4, Pages 75 and 76, of Maps, filed in the office of the County Recorder of said County, said portion lying westerly of a line 36.00 feet easterly of, measured at right angles and parallel to, the west line of said 39th Place, the southerly line of said portion being the Comprise Line of Section 7, Chapter 138, Statutes of 1964, of the Legislature of the State of California, and the northerly line of said portion being a line 30.00 feet north of, measured at right angles and parallel to, said Comprise Line of Chapter 138.

EL:SC:bj

a:79-78.doc

EXHIBIT "B"

John alhoun
City Attorney, Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802-4664
(310) 570-2200

1 RESOLUTION NO. C- 25792

2
3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
4 OF LONG BEACH CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC A
5 PORTION OF 39TH PLACE NORTH OF THE SO-CALLED
6 CHAPTER 138 LINE
7

8 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is in the process of
9 facilitating expansion of a private recreational area in the form
10 of outdoor patio facilities for a restaurant partially located on
11 land leased from the City in the vicinity of 39th Place; and

12 WHEREAS, in order to facilitate that expansion and
13 addition to the area presently leased to the facility, it is
14 necessary to clarify closure of a small portion of 39th Place;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the area proposed for closure is that part of
17 39th Place as more specifically shown on that certain plat
18 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and described in Exhibit "B"; and

19 WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted amended rules and
20 regulations for such closure and now wishes to proceed with the
21 closure proceedings;

22 NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long
23 Beach resolves as follows:

24 Section 1. Based on the staff report and records
25 before it at the time of adoption of this resolution, the City
26 Council hereby finds and determines that, as to that portion of
27 39th Place as shown and described in Exhibits "A" and "B":

28 A. The area proposed for closure is not used or needed

John R. Calhoun
City Attorney of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802-4664
(310) 570-2200

1 for vehicular traffic; and

2 B. The area proposed for closure abuts City property
3 and does not provide and is not used for vehicular or other
4 access to any privately owned parcels; and

5 C. It is anticipated that the area proposed for
6 closure will ultimately be incorporated into a plan for private
7 recreational use.

8 Sec. 2. That the certain portion of 39th Place as more
9 specifically shown and described in Exhibits "A" and "B" is
10 hereby closed to vehicular traffic for the purpose of making it
11 available for recreational use.

12 Sec. 3. The City Manager may cause or allow barriers
13 or other appropriate devices, signs, or obstructions to be
14 erected or installed which will effectuate closing the described
15 portion of highways to vehicular traffic and for recreational
16 use.

17 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately
18 upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall
19 certify the vote adopting this resolution.

20 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was
21 adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its

22 ///

23 ///

24 ///

25 ///

26 ///

27 ///

28 ///

1 meeting of March 7, 1995, by the following vote:

2
3 Ayes: Councilmembers: Oropeza, Lowenthal, Drummond,
4 Clark, Topsy-Elvord, Donelon,
5 Kellogg, Shultz.

6 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

7
8 Absent: Councilmembers: Robbins.

9
10
11 
12 City Clerk

13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
Joh. Calhoun
City Attorney of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802-4664
(310) 570-2200

WHK:amp
R7CLOSE.95
2/23/95



LIVINGSTON DRIVE

OCEAN BOULEVARD

PLACE

39TH

MIDWAY STREET

TERMINO AVENUE

ALLIN

STREET

OLYMPIC PLAZA

lot
CHAPTER 138 LINE

parking

BELMONT PIER

BELMONT BREWERY COMPANY

H-3870
F-11
F-15

F-25

F-31

CITY PROPERTY

36'

30'

BIKE PATH



SHOWS AREA OF CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

EXHIBIT "A"

PARCEL DESCRIPTION

CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF 39TH PLACE

That portion of 39th Place, 55 feet wide, as shown on the Resubdivision of Part of Alamitos Bay Townsite, in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California, recorded in Book 4, Pages 75 and 76, of Maps, filed in the office of the County Recorder of said County, said portion lying westerly of a line 36.00 feet easterly of, measured at right angles and parallel to, the west line of said 39th Place, the southerly line of said portion being the Comprise Line of Section 7, Chapter 138, Statutes of 1964, of the Legislature of the State of California, and the northerly line of said portion being a line 30.00 feet north of, measured at right angles and parallel to, said Comprise Line of Chapter 138.

EL:SC:bj

a:79-78.doc

EXHIBIT "B"



DOUGLAS S. DRUMMOND
VICE MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER, THIRD DISTRICT
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
333 WEST OCEAN BLVD.
LONG BEACH, CA 90802

file
TELEPHONE (310) 570-6226
FAX (310) 570-6186
TDD (310) 570-6879

August 8, 1995

California Coastal Commission
245 W. Broadway, Suite 380
Long Beach, CA 90802-4416

Re: BELMONT BREWING COMPANY
APPEAL NO. A-5-LOB-95-126
HEARING DATE AUGUST 10, 1995

Dear Commissioners:

I am the City Councilman representing the Belmont Pier area where the Belmont Brewery restaurant is located. I am also Vice Mayor of the City of Long Beach.

I hope the Commission grants a permit for the Belmont Brewery restaurant to add some 600+ square feet to its existing outdoor patio area. There are many reasons why doing so for this colorful, well-run, and inexpensive restaurant at an important visitor serving location, is in the best interests of the public. I am sure most of them will be explained to you during the hearing.

One reason, however, is not so obvious, and is very important to me as the former Commander of the Long Beach Police Department and the present Councilman for the area. Expansion of this and other visitor serving commercial uses that bring the public to the Belmont pier area at dusk and after dark is of vital interest to help insure public safety. We need to insure the public safety of all the public using the area at night.

The Belmont Pier area long suffered a very serious crime problem. At one point, crime, including murder, became so rampant that the City was forced to close the pier to the public at dusk. Closing a public pier is a terrible thing to have to do to such a significant public asset.

The pier and plaza area is contained, but quite large, and is somewhat difficult to police by patrol cars. The area was dark and underutilized, a perfect site for gang and other criminal activity. It didn't help that the major commercial establishment bringing people into the area at night was a disreputable bikers bar located where the Belmont Brewery now sits.

Belmont Pier is in the center of our beach and has historically been the activity center for beach access. The parking lot has been metered and the revenue from these meters has provided security officers for that location. In the coming year we intend to restore the pier and add an improved restaurant in order to invite more people to the area.

Today, life after dark is returning to the Belmont Pier area thanks in good measure to the Belmont Brewery restaurant. This popular restaurant brings people to it by car, bike, and

Coastal Commission
Belmont Brewery, Appeal No. A-5-LOB-95-126
August 8, 1995
Page 2

on foot. The patrons combine dining with strolling on the pier, plaza, and bike path. This trend needs to be encouraged to grow—not nipped in the bud by government.

Our long term solution is to treat the area as a small "community" and provide a continuous police presence at night by foot or bicycle patrol. Long Beach has been very successful with this approach to bring back and protect the public in its downtown "Pine Square" area. But to provide adequate demographics and intensity of night use to justify such a public safety program in today's tough economic times, there needs to be a higher concentration of night time visitor serving uses in the area.

I urge the Commission to join with me to help main the vision of the Citizen's Committee who produced the Long Beach L.C.P. for the area. We want to make the area a great, safe, dusk and evening visitor serving destination. The patio expansion, now before you while minor, is a step in the right direction. Denying this permit would send an unfortunate signal that the Commission will not even approve a small expansion to existing patio dining in the area.

We at the City are working hard to turn this area around so that it may become a major visitor serving asset of our City. Please help, not discourage, our effort.

Sincerely,



Douglas S. Drummond, Vice Mayor
Councilmember, Third District

DSD/neb



