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Subject: Fw: INADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICING OF 'PERMANENT PARKLETS' APPLICATIONS in Revised "Parklets Ordinance" Item #20, Jan. 24, 2023 Council Agenda

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Hello Ms. DeLagarza and City Clerk staff,

I appreciate your attached my Jan. 16th e-mail concerning the Parklets Ordinance to Item#20 on tonight's Council Agenda.

However I would appreciate your also attaching my e-mail below, dated January 22nd which specifically addresses tonight's agenda item.

Thank you. Melinda Cotton

PS: (Also there is correspondence referencing Item #28 attached to Item #20, which you wish to reassign).

From: Melinda Cotton <mbcotton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2023 4:29 PM
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To: Public Works Director Eric Lopez - cc: City Manager Tom Modica, City Attorney Dawn Mcintosh, City Clerk Monique DeLaGarza;
3rd District Councilwoman Kristina Duggan, Mayor Rex Richardson, Vice Mayor Cindy Allen, Councilmembers Mary Zendajas, Daryl Supernaw, Megan Kerr, Suely Saro, Robert Uranga, Al Austin and Dr. Joni Ricks-Odie

Dear Eric,

The revised Permanent Parklets Ordinance (Chapter 14.15 Parklets) contains a deficient and inadequate Public Noticing provision, it only states:

"D. Public Notice. After filing an application, a public notice shall be posted in such form as the Department of Public Works shall prescribe for at least thirty (30) days. Failure of any member of the public to see the notice shall not invalidate an action taken on the request for a parklet permit."

We will need more detail as to how the Public Noticing of 'Permanent Parklet' Applications will be handled.

It seems that "posting" a notice of unknown size and location on the property is all that's required of Public Works. This minimal "posting" requirement would be unfair to neighboring retail businesses, office tenants, residents, the Disabled and Coastal Visitors.

What's really needed is a requirement similar to the MuniCode Public Noticing requirement in the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 21.21.302 (***copied below***). And interested parties should be able to sign up for e-mail notification.

Chapter 21.21.302 is quite detailed and robust. For example, it requires posting a "...a sign of at least thirty inches (30") by forty inches (40") on each street face of the real property that is the subject of the hearing; it lists the specific requirements of the notice, it requires mailing a notice to all property owners within 300 ft. - 750 ft., and more.

I ask that the requirements of Chapter 21.21.302 be included in the Revised 'Parklets' Ordinance on the Agenda of January 23, 2023, or action taken by the Council to require its inclusion in the requirements procedures for Parklets. as well as a provision for receiving e-mail Notification.

Sincerely, Melinda Cotton
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