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From: Dulcie McCracken <dulciemccracken@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 11:21 AM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: parklets

-EXTERNAL-

I'm hoping that cool heads prevail and that those annoying, space-taking parklets stay away from Second Street. With the new construction around PCH in the very near future, traffic will be even worse, and parking spaces will truly be at a premium. Everyone seems to be doing well without them in Belmont Shore. Let's keep it that way - PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you.

Dulcie and Bill McCracken



Long Beach natives

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From: Sally Miller <kansmiller@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 11:23 AM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Re: Parklets on 2nd St.

-EXTERNAL-

While we are certainly not against outdoor dining, we do take issue with these Parklets . (“ parklets “ : a made-up name which clearly describes what they are, tables and chairs stuck in a parking place on a fairly busy thoroughway...) On a street busy with cars, trucks, buses, bikes, scooters, skateboards, pedestrians, baby strollers, regular emergency vehicle dashes, etc the “parklets” are clearly a quite unnecessary obstruction / distraction / hazard. If this is an attempt to “ look so European “ (as I heard two ladies state at a recent meeting), they are an epic failure. My father was for many years a Planning Commissioner in the fairly large city I grew up in, so I understand the goal is to maintain the city so everything functions well. It is natural for business owners and developers to seek to make more profit, but we-the-people who live here and also do business here, depend on you to keep thing reasonable and functional. Please.

Sarah and Keith Miller
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Belmont Shore
(ps. you can imagine my opinion of the large developments at 2nd and PCH.)

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From: Glennis Dolce <glennisd@me.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 12:16 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Legends Parklet Application AUG 3 Planning Item 1

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Commissioners,

As representatives entrusted with upholding the interests of Long Beach residents, you have an important decision before you regarding the Legends request to expand into public parklets.

While supporting local businesses is crucial, we must also protect public spaces from being overtaken for private profit. Granting private companies exclusive use of public parking and sidewalk areas sets a precedent that these community assets can be commandeered for financial gain.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed unique challenges that justified temporary exceptions allowing outdoor dining to sustain businesses. However, what Legends seeks now is to make an emergency measure permanent, depriving residents of public areas that belong to all.

Legends claims expanded use of parklets is necessary for its survival. Yet its successful comeback shows the restaurant can prosper without annexing public land. While the owners understandably want to grow their business, it should not come at the expense of public space.

Some may argue that charging usage fees could offset the impact. But no amount of revenue can compensate for losing open, accessible city property to dominate by a single business.

If Legends is allowed to extend its footprint into parklets, other businesses will likely follow suit. Over time, this could gradually erode the character of the Shores by walling off the area's cherished community atmosphere.

I urge you to consider both the short and long-term consequences of privatizing public space in deciding this issue. Though saying no may seem difficult, preserving public assets for all residents must take priority over any one business's wishes.

The Commission and City Council have many tools to support Legends without having to forfeit public land to its expansion. I trust you will make the right decision for the people of Long Beach.

Please deny this application.

Sincerely,

Glennis Dolce

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From: barbara PAUL <anitaearlenancy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 2:43 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Proposed parklets for Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

As resident homeowners of Belmont Shore for almost 40 years, my husband and I have seen many changes to the businesses along 2nd Street. We are certainly happy to see the successful enterprises there now.

This area is already designated "parking impacted". Replacing parking spaces (public property) with additional dining tables (for the benefit of private businesses) along 2nd Street is a terrible idea. For every 2 parking spaces lost, my guess is that we'd be adding about 20 or more patrons at those spots. Where will those people park their cars?

If you allow Legends this permit, many more will follow. We saw that happen years ago when newly widened public sidewalks were taken over as restaurant seating areas, one by one. Now almost every restaurant has fenced off an area of the public space for their private use.

It is my understanding that the proposed parklets, as designed, can include taking up additional public space along the sidewalks in addition to the parking spaces, leaving only the minimum 5' clearance for sidewalk use. That is shamefully inadequate for such a pedestrian dense area.

Please do not let this happen to this quaint and delightful area and the tax revenue it provides to the city. Let's not kill the goose that laid the golden egg. At the very minimum, you should insist that Legends, at the very least, provides additional parking somewhere for their additional patrons before any permit is allowed.

We appreciate your consideration of this very important issue.

Barbara Paul

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