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Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2020 6:10 AM
To: Pablo Rubio <Pablo.Rubio@longbeach.gov>
Subject: City Council Meeting November 17, 2020 Agenda Item 62, Boathouse Lane, 10.30.080

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Please include the following e-mail thread in the record:
Long Beach City Council Meeting
November 17, 2020
Agenda Item 62
Ordinance Application to change Boathouse Lane gate access hours
Long Beach Municipal Code 10.30.080

Thank you,
Terri

From: Terri Glidden <terriglidden@yahoo.com>
To: Suzie Price <suzie.price@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Jack Cunningham <jack.cunningham@longbeach.gov>; Gabriela Yates <gabriela.yates@longbeach.gov>; Elvira Hallinan <elvira.hallinan@longbeach.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020, 8:45:43 PM PST
Subject: Re: Request for Instructions for Signing up for Public Comment at the Nov 17 Council Meeting

Hi Suzie,

I would be delighted to talk to you about the proposed ordinance to restrict hours of access to Boathouse Lane.

My concerns begin with the fact that the Long Beach Rowing Association leadership was not apprised directly of the intentions of your office to restrict our access to the Pete Archer Rowing Center by way of a new ordinance to reduce access hours. In fact, the November 4, 2020 email from Gabriela Yates to you and cc'd to Jack Cunningham *doesn't even mention that there is an active boathouse at the end of Boathouse Lane.*

The post-dated (sic) November 17, 2020 letter from Vice Mayor Dee Andrews to the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council makes reference to the Long Beach Rowing Center parking lot without any acknowledgement that the access road called Boathouse Lane and associated Long Beach Rowing Center parking lot serve a community of hundreds of athletes from teens to octogenarians, participating in programs ranging from weekend-warrior health and fitness, to Olympic preparedness, diversity outreach, high school and college club, and handicapped.

You helped name a bridge after Joan Lind Van Blom in honor of her pioneering accomplishments in the 1976 Olympics and renown as a home-town girl. But there is no mention or consideration in these two letters regarding the historic origins and dedicated purpose of the Marine Stadium waterway, an official historical site built

uniquely and expressly for the purpose of staging the 1932 Olympic rowing events. Nor is there any apparent awareness that this waterway is being actively considered as a venue for the 2028 Olympic rowing competition.

The proposal to put Boathouse Lane hours "in line" with other City parks ignores the fact that Boathouse Lane functions as a public street, serving the Pete Archer Rowing Center, a facility leased from the City housing a private Club. Our neighbors at Spinnaker Bay are legally required to acknowledge our pre-existence and right to normal operation in their HOA CC&R agreement as follows:

The Development is located adjacent to properties on which the following type of activities or operation may occur:

(a) Oil and Gas Production...

(b) Marine Stadium: The properties are located immediately adjacent to the Long Beach Marine Stadium, a public water recreational facility at which numerous marine and aquatic activity occur.

(c) Boat House: South of the Development is a boat house. Noise is generated from the rowing activities in the early morning (5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.), particularly for those Owners located within 300 feet from the boat house.

Currently, our Boat Captain, AC du Pont is at the boathouse at 5am rearranging boats before the first flight of crews arrives for pre-dawn practice. Limiting access to begin at 8am is incompatible with the sport of rowing, which famously depends on pre-dawn and early morning calm water. In the evening, we have health and fitness programs including Roworx programs, and the California Adaptive Rowing Program (CARP) starting at 6:30pm. In years past, our monthly Board meetings routinely ran past 10pm.

LBRA members are certainly sensitive to the problems of managing night-time loiterers and ne'er-do-wells, and we do our part for security. We recently upgraded our security cameras and caught a drunk stealing scuba gear from the Life Guard station which shares space at the Pete Archer Rowing Center. Our cameras helped the Long Beach Police Department apprehend the perpetrator some miles away.

I could go on, but I will leave that for the City Council meeting on Tuesday, and hopefully members of the rowing community at the Pete Archer Rowing Center will speak on their own behalf regarding the impact of the proposal to restrict access to our boathouse. In the meantime, I look forward to speaking with you personally before the Council meeting.

Thank you for your responsiveness.

~Terri

On Friday, November 13, 2020, 4:32:27 PM PST, Suzie Price <suzie.price@longbeach.gov> wrote:

Hi Terri. Jack will send you those. I'm the meantime, can we chat this weekend or Monday so that I can hear your concerns. I'd like to be able to address them.

Sincerely,

Suzie Price
Councilwoman, 3rd District

On Nov 13, 2020, at 3:30 PM, Terri Glidden <terri-glidden@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Hello,

I am the Secretary for the Long Beach Rowing Association. I understand that the Long Beach City Council plans to consider an ordinance to restrict hours of access to the Pete Archer Rowing Center via Boathouse Lane at the next meeting on November 17, 2020. I would like instructions about how to attend the meeting and sign up for public comment.

Terri Glidden