

Alex Medina

From: Barbara Wellington <1125bsw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 6:40 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Legends' Parklet Application Approval

-EXTERNAL-

The Covid-19 pandemic has been over for some time, and restaurants no longer need parklets. Legends' business was doing just fine before Covid and the temporary parklets were authorized. This sports bar does not need a permanent parklet that is a detriment to Shore residents, a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles, and takes up needed parking.

My business is now going to Main Street in Seal Beach. They had the good sense to remove all of their parklets. The street is clean, it's easy to access shops and restaurants, parking has been restored, and businesses are thriving.

Long Beach should take a lesson from Seal Beach, but instead our city kowtows to a few establishments to the disadvantage of everyone else. Please rescind Legends' parklet approval and do not approve parklet applications from any other 2nd Street restaurants.

Thank you,
Barbara Wellington
Long Beach, CA

Alex Medina

From: estelatejidor@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 10:52 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Reject Legends application for a parklet

-EXTERNAL-

We do not need parklets on Second Street. Parklets are utilized predominantly on weekend evenings in the warm summer months, but they take up much needed parking ALL DAY, EVERY DAY. Belmont Shore is already parking impacted, and this further loss of parking is unjust for residents, non-restaurant businesses, and customers and employees of these other businesses. The establishment of parklets ignores years of carefully considered parking requirement for Belmont Shore. How can years of requiring parking for the betterment of the community be suddenly ignored?

Seal Beach and Huntington Beach have taken down their parklets. How can Long Beach justify handing over public space to a for profit business that has been thriving for years? This is a short sighted move that will end up profiting very few, while deteriorating a community that is cherished and valued by many. This will be the beginning of the end of this seaside community.

Do not take away our public land. Do not destroy our livable community.

Respectfully,

Estela Tejidor

Alex Medina

From: Dan Paul <dan.paul0105@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 4:06 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Parklets in Belmont Shore

-EXTERNAL-

Please do not allow Legends to power grab public property for there personal financial benefit, by granting them a Parklet.

The Belmont Shore area is already parking impacted, taking away parking spaces will just make it worse.

I have lived in Belmont Shore since 1986. I remember money was spent to widen the sidewalks on 2nd St. in Belmont Shore to give the public more room to walk the area. One restaurant put out table and chairs, now many years later most all restaurant have power grabbed public sidewalks with fenced in dining.

This isn't just about Legends wanting public space, soon more restaurants will be applying for Parklets and then there will be even less parking, and 2nd St. will loose its charm.

Dan Paul

Alex Medina

From: mona morris <mfgmorris@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 9:56 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Appealing approval of Legends' Parklet

-EXTERNAL-

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am appealing your approval of Legends' permanent parklet on 2nd Street because of safety concern. This business has an outdoor-like seating on their veranda next to the sidewalk that has made the sidewalk narrower in front of its location. When Legends had their temporary parklet on the road, it was very hard for a two-way pedestrian to exist because customers loitered from the parklet to the sidewalk and pedestrians also had to watch out for staff coming in and out from the restaurant. Disabled's wheelchair could not get through. I don't think Legends will enforce no loitering on sidewalks to their customers based on their envelope pushing behavior when they had 2-seat-tables right next to the veranda area when the temporary parklets was already existing. In addition, their parklet and any other parklets on 2nd Street is too close to cars driving by. Traffic has been heavy and already bumper to bumper at times.

Are parklets still necessary now for health reasons? Businesses aren't on lockdown now and probably the Health Department won't enforce anymore lockdown due to criticisms received for that policy even if Covid rate rises again. What is the purpose of having parklets now? I supported parklets when there was a lockdown imposed during the pandemic, I however don't see what purpose it serves the public now.

Sincerely,
Mona Morris

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Maryanne Cronin

From: Jan Garvey <sowdogs@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2023 11:51 AM
To: DV - Zoning Administrator
Cc: Maryanne Cronin; Council District 3
Subject: Parklets for both LEGENDS and OPEN SESAME / PLEASE READ

-EXTERNAL-

To all;

During the unprecedented COVID pandemic, it was necessary for restaurants to have parklets in order to survive. I think we all understand that.

However, the pandemic is no longer, Second Street is beginning to shine again with the creation of new restaurants and shops. And now we want to add parklets back to the street. Yes, I know they will be mandated in their design but that doesn't speak to the graffiti, dust, garbage, debris and homeless sleeping in them. They become a disgusting eyesore. Not to mention they take up our much needed parking spaces and make it dangerous on our street. During the summer months when many flock to Belmont Shore, Bayshore is closed for the three months of summer alleviating many parking spaces.

As a 33 year resident of this town and living 8 houses from Second Street, parking is truly challenging. This makes it difficult for the tax paying property owners to find their own parking. Yes, I have off street parking, a must when living here. However, when cars are parked on both sides

of my driveway it makes it impossible to get into the driveway.

This community and certainly Legends and Open Sesame, both who have been here for many, many years, seem to have been thriving without a parklet. It is just greed driving this decision to add onto a restaurant space that sufficed for many years.

Let's agree as a community to allow Belmont Shore to also thrive and become the shining star that it once was before it was so blighted. If we have additional monies, why don't we try cleaning up the sidewalks that used to happen on a weekly basis. Perhaps cleaning up after the homeless to make our town shine for the tourists that we all want to come back.

Thank you,

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Jan Garvey
LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH

