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BELMONT SHORE PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS

City of Long Beach
California

REFERENCE: 12-043BS

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation to receive and file a discussion with City of Long Beach Public Works Department staff regarding "parklets".

DISCUSSION

On November 1, 2011 the City Council approved a request by Lola's Mexican Cuisine restaurant (2030 E. Fourth Street) for a permit to construct a "parklet" for the purpose of providing additional outdoor dining space. A "parklet" is the temporary use of a curbside parking space for outdoor landscape and seating. This is done by constructing a raised platform in the parking space at the same elevation as the adjoining sidewalk, thereby essentially extending the sidewalk area into the street. The City of San Francisco has been permitting these uses for sometime, and Lola's "parklet" was completed on January 20, 2012, making it the first "parklet" in Southern California.

Subsequent to the "parklet" constructed at Lola's, another one has been installed at Berlin by Portfolio, located at 420 E. Fourth Street. A third "parklet" location has been installed at the restaurant Number Nine, which is located at 2118 E. Fourth Street.

In attendance at the November 15, 2012 BSPBIAAC meeting will be the City of Long Beach Traffic Engineer to discuss City policy regarding "parklets". The City of Long Beach would respectfully appreciate learning from the commission any concerns regarding "parklets" that would be specific to the Belmont Shore business district.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve recommendation.