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Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 4:19 PM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Ordinance Review Mtg - 1/23/24

Ordinance Review Standing Committee meeting On 1/23/24 - general public comment.

I am very enthused and greatly relieved that the City of Goleta has listened to the residents and a solution to the parking problems on Pacific Oaks and Phelps Road is near at hand.

I have been an unofficial steward of these neighborhoods and open spaces for more than 30 years and the recent desecration has been very sad. Part of the morning walk to the beach ritual along Phelps came to include that of daily trash removal and safety patrol.

The proposed No Parking on Phelps Road and Parking Restrictions for Pacific Oaks Road are excellent solutions to a complex problem.

The present situation enables unhealthy behavior by a group of people who need help - help that is available in our community. The present situation diminishes quality of life for those of us who live in these neighborhoods.

Many thanks to all who are putting these solutions into practice; the Goleta City Police offers have been amazing, the City Council and City Staff are to be commended for their creativity and professional efforts. Chuck Flacks, Stuart Kasdin and Mayor Paula Perotte were very helpful, involved, communicative and responsive.

Best
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From: Tom Giffin <tomgrc@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 2:34 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: parking

Debra Lopez,

Hello,

This is concerning parking on Phelps.

I know we have a problem with homeless parking on Pacific oaks and Phelps. but don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

If you stop all parking on Phelps, a percentage of those people will just move over and park in the residential areas and we already have too many UCSB kids filling up are streets.

Did you give any thought as to where the baseball and soccer people will park during game day if you take away Phelps? If you guessed the residential streets you would be right.

I can rant forever on our parking mess, but let me give you my idea for a solution. NO after dark parking! Daytime parking for the sports park. At dusk easy to monitor, although you will need to get Kevin some help.

Thanks for listening,

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From:
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 4:13 PM
To: David Cutaia
Subject: RE: RV Parking

To: Deborah Lopez, City Clerk

Hi!

I don't live in that area but I do want to comment. Making the problem areas No Parking seems like it would take parking away from standard, non-RV vehicles. That would possibly end up impacting neighboring streets because people still need to park their car somewhere.

Just enforce the code that already exists.

Thank you,
Marsha Hill

From: Frank DiMarco <dimarcogallery@icloud.com>

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 4:16 PM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Parking Enforcement Phelps Road and Pacific Oaks Road

To: Ordinance Standing Committee

First of all, thank you to the Committee Members and the Staff for addressing the RV and other parking on Pacific Oaks and Phelps Road.

It is very much appreciated by the neighborhood residents and, looking over the proposed Ordinances, the Staff should be commended for coming up with some innovative ideas.

I have attached a few recent photos to hopefully enhance the understanding of the magnitude of the problem.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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David Cutaia

From: David Cutaia
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 4:28 PM
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The Pacific Oaks Road parking problem seems to present two distinct issues. Parking for large vehicles and parking for ordinary cars, suvs and pickup trucks inhabited by persons who appear to reside in such vehicles.

Large vehicles, those defined in the proposed ordinance, as 25 feet or greater in length and over 82 inches in height are huge and take of substantial space at the curb and change the character of the area, often making it look like a commercial parking lot. It deprives residents of parking spaces. In most instances, these huge vehicles consist of kitchens, beds, bathrooms, and other amenities of a residence on wheels.

Small cars, suvs and pickups that are occupied by persons as a home have a significant problem when there are no food, bathroom, or other amenities for the occupying people. This often results in trash and human waste on the sidewalks and streets and in the bushes. Anyway, allowing parking demeans the area and creates a situation where disease and injury may occur.

The memo and resolutions submitted in connection with the parking ban are, at first, difficult to understand. The language is vague.

Resolution 1 creates a no parking zone on Pacific Oaks Road subject to certain exceptions set forth in CVC 22507 between 10 PM and 5 AM. This, of course, would adversely impact a resident on Pacific Oaks Road who would not be able to park a vehicle on the street during the banned parking period unless a permit was issued. The section further prohibits the parking of vehicles within the meaning of CVC 22511.5(a) (3). The short time waiver of any parking ban for residents does not seem to meet the potential problems faced by residents. A more focused prohibition would ban parking by vehicles in which people are living which addresses the issue more effectively than the proposed resolutions.

Resolution 2 deals with the issues related to parking of large vehicles but permits vehicles within the meaning of CVC 22511 (a)(3) to park which is even more confusing. I have no problem with the limited scope of Resolution 2 dealing with large vehicles. But Resolution 2 does not address the problems of inhabited vehicles.

I would note that CVC 22511 (a) (3) that deals with special types of vehicles other than large vehicles seems to require an ordinance to impose the restrictions set forth in the law. If so, this would make any restriction adopted by resolution ineffective.

It may be that deeper thought must be put into these proposed changes to ban or limit parking on Pacific Oaks Road.

Finally, it might be wise to consider providing parking areas with suitable amenities for residential parking by big vehicles and cars, suvs and pickups used as living space. Greater law enforcement activity might be more effective.

Comments of Bill Rosen
A Pacific Oaks Road resident

To: David Cutaia
Subject: FW: Regarding Parking Regs for the Phelps Road and Pacific Oaks Rd sections

Ms Lopez, Below are my comments to the Ordinance Review committee, regarding the Pacific Oaks/Phelps Rd parking issues and discussion. Could my comments be read aloud to them? Much appreciated.

As I resident of Goleta and Living on Pacific Oaks, I have both observations and comments. Both the Pacific Oaks streets and Phelps, between Pacific Oaks and Cannon Green provide essential shortterm parking for residents and others visiting. Girsh Park brings a large number of visitors and VEHICLES, whenever there are events, and sports leagues playing. AYSO, Baseball, Lemon Festival and a number of frequent attractions. These people need shortterm parking. Removing that parking on the Pacific Oaks rd AND The Phelps rd (Bet. Pac Oaks & Cannon Green) will have a very negative affect on all the surrounding neighborhoods. All these vehicles will be forced into the neighborhoods and cause major issues, and possible incidents. Please, DO NOT restrict all parking in these areas. I believe a 24 hr parking limit is enough to greatly reduce the long term 'camping', if that's the consideration. Additionally the area on Phelps, close to Cannon Green is a frequent parking area for Goleta residents who DON'T live within walking distances to our beaches (Sand, Coal Oil Pt, etc) and do need that parking to provide access. This would, again, cause parking situations in the neighborhoods - when that really doesn;t need to happen. Please continue to ALLOW parking in those areas, and implement a time limit - 24 hrs would seem proper - if restrictions are needed.

Thanks
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I will provide these comments to the City Administration AND The Mayor and City Council.

January 23, 2024

Hello Ordinance committee.

RE: Proposed Parking Enforcement and Consideration of Resolutions for Parking Restrictions on Pacific Oaks Road and Phelps Road

I disagree with the proposal for this ordinance. It is a waste of Tax payers money and lacks the relevant information to make an informed decision. Send this back for further review or dismiss this outright for infeasibility.

The staff report talks about discussing the suggested considerations from past meetings. They are:

Pacific Oaks rd – Hollister to Phelps

- No ordinance - Get staff to bring back a new ordinance that involves restriping for no RV's and installing medians so that only allows standard size vehicles would fit. (*this would be very cost-expensive in long run*)
- For pacific Oaks two solutions. 1. No parking all vehicles certain times, 10pm to 5am. 2 restrict large vehicle parking (over 25 ft)

Phelps rd- Pacific Oaks to Cannon green

- No park any time on Phelps rd. between Pacific Oaks and Cannon Green. (with clarification as to both sides) (*Money is less due to signs and red curb painting*)

The ordinance appears to be an to target specific users of large vehicles who's use is for overnight sleeping. The staff report states the Homeless Issues Standing Committee decided this was a parking issue and not a homeless issue. Looking at this ordinance it does not appear to be that way. This is a specific target at homeless RV users.

Currently there is in place an oversized vehicle parking permit ordinance 10.01.310 that applies to residents that live nearby who park their RV on the street. That permit allows users to park for a short period of time (3-days) just as it is allowed for vehicles to be parked on the street for the same amount of time before requiring to be moved. Yet, there does not appear to be any residents who use this area to park large RV's.

In *Martin v. City of Boise*, 920 F.3d 584 (9th Cir. 2019), the Ninth Circuit held that the Cruel and Un- usual Punishments Clause prevents cities from enforcing criminal restrictions on public camping unless the person has "access to adequate temporary shelter."

By adopting any ordinance that is specifically targeting homeless persons, even when in an Oversized Vehicle is enforcing a criminal restriction. The fact that the specific criteria seek to focus on vehicles over 25 feet is moot.

No restrictions to parking on pacific oaks need to take place at this time day or night.

PHELPS RD

When it comes to parking on Phelps rd between Cannon Green & Pacific Oaks. It is not at all clear as to why staff presented such changes.

Specifically, the issues cited were scenic views and environmental habitats, recreational activity. No material was provided to indicate where this environmental habitat is in proximity to the location of where vehicles are parked. The recreational activity is blurred along with the overnight sleeping issue.

Views -

When it comes to Views, folks that live here understand that a majority of vehicles will park closer to Cannon green, where the south side of Phelps Rd, is open space and no nearby residential housing is located. On the staff report it included a Map and includes a reference point “University Village Park” access point. The Staff report states the issue covers the entirety of Phelps Rd. That is misleading.

Overnight Sleeping is typically part of the Western side of Phelps road with occasional bleeding over east of the University Village park access point. Most overnight users want to be away from housing.

Recreational Use-

GIRSH PARK -What is not made clear in the staff report is the distinction that during the day the eastern side of the roadway is utilized by Girsh park participants. Where they park and leave the vehicle to participate in an event at the park, especially during the Little league events, OR Lemon festival. Parking starts at Pacific Oaks and extends westward.

If parking is eliminated along this road way it will directly affect where parents for the little league park. When the little league is in effect every parent is too lazy to use the girsh parking lots end up filling the parking lots at Albertsons and Costco. They know they are not to do that, but they do it anyways. It takes away from shopping mall users, and I would assume it’s a significant impact to those businesses.

TRAIL ACCESS - Other parking on the South Side of Phelps rd also includes parking to access the walk path into Wells-Elings Marsh Trail. This access point is directly across from the University Village Park access point. This access point to Wells-Elings Marsh Trail is covered with DG. It is fully functioning for pedestrian access. Any parking restrictions during the day eliminate public access to this entry way. Especially when there is no other parking within reasonable distances.

NATURAL BOUNDARIES - That south side of Phelps rd from the Wells-Elings Marsh Trail entrance towards Cannon green rd also has a significant change in elevation that acts as a deterrent to pedestrians from entering that area, it starts directly after the wood chips. It is not a complete deterrent but enough so that reasonable individuals would not attempt to enter.

There is no reason to do anything about phelps rd towards cannon green, it does not impact traffic or congestion. Just folks' emotional anguish over vehicles parked longer than 72 hrs.

The money for this would be better spent on increasing wages to parking enforcement and hiring more parking enforcement. From what I understand we have only 1 that covers the whole city? When looking at the reference to the Staff report that there have been 24 tickets since Sept 24th 2023, till Jan 9th 2024 really only works out to an average of 1 ticket a week. If there is only 1 traffic citation individual it is likely that they only visit this roadway once a week. This is not a relevant justification for a problem with 1 violation a week.

If people who are sleeping in this area in their vehicles are violating the laws, they should be cited for leaving trash, causing any disturbances or disposing of waste as the law allows. Local citizens should be educated on how to report a crime or a disturbance. Not just rely on once-a-week parking violations.

There are more overnight users who are quiet and keep to themselves than there are bad ones, at least not enough bad ones to warrant the City spending money they don't have. They should not be punished unfairly. Anyone who has ever had to sleep in a vehicle knows they do not want to disrupt the neighbors for fear of being shunned. It is a huge anxiety to add to already being homeless and should not be placed on by folks who are judgmental and want to shame them.

In my youth I had to sleep in my car and had always experienced the anxiety of what the neighbors would say. Only two years ago I worked a contract job out of town here I decided to sleep in my camper truck instead of commuting or renting a hotel room and again had to face the anxiety of what neighbors would say or even worse report me for just being parked to get some sleep. Sometimes folks need a place to sleep.

Lets see far better cost management here and not worry about what the neighbors think about what it looks like.

Frank A.

Marketplace, Goleta Ca

From: Robert Bernstein <robert@robert.name>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:56 PM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Proposed Parking Changes on Pacific Oaks and Phelps Road

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I would like to submit the comment below regarding the January 23 discussion of Proposed Parking Changes on Pacific Oaks and Phelps Road. Please just reply letting me know it was received. Thank you!

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Our front door is on Pacific Oaks Road and we are mostly OK with how things are now with parking.

Our only concern was when one of the transient vehicles caught fire. And when one of the transients locked their bikes to our tree. The vehicles themselves are not a problem.

I am fine with people staying overnight as long as it doesn't become their long term residence.

But we have a more serious concern in that location: It is terrifying to cross the street from our Pacific Palms condo complex to get to the Albertson's shopping Center or to Girsh Park. People drive way too fast on Pacific Oaks Road and rarely signal or yield to pedestrians. These are locals, not transients, endangering us.

Best wishes,
Robert

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Subject: Comment for Ordinance Review Standing Committee

Greetings,

When implementing policy that displaces this demographic, what contingencies are in place to address this displacement?

For the answer "Safe Parking Program", note that the program does exist and is not being utilized to its fullest extent. The current iteration of the program puts expectations that are not appropriate for individuals whom have demonstrated a lack of compliance of common laws and policies.

Note that if one desired to teach new behaviors, teaching in the absence of the stimuli is shown to be inefficient when not ineffective. If the problem is trash, noise, nudity, etc, then it stands to reason that a focus on changing those behaviors needs to be prioritized. If you displace this group they will go somewhere else and cause identical problems for someone else.

That you,

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To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Follow-up to Ordinance Review Committee Meeting regarding Phelps parking

I appreciate that the committee is addressing the issue with extended/overnight parking along Phelps and Pacific Oaks Roads. At the meeting, it sounded like the committee settled on starting with a recommendation to ban oversized vehicle parking at all times along Phelps and Pacific Oaks. Once this was reached, there was no discussion on the existing City temporary parking permit program for oversized overnight vehicle parking.

I am a homeowner on Cannon Green and a few times a year, I use this city permit program to legally park my camping trailer (normally stored at Lake Cachuma) overnight on Phelps before a planned camping trip. This allows us to pack the trailer before our trip. This is vital as there is no availability to park our trailer closer to our home in the Cannon Green Townhouses.

This upcoming ordinance recommendation needs to allow for this existing City permit program as it benefits the local residents and does not cause any of the complained-about behaviors that is leading to the ordinance change.

Thank you,
Adam Smith

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Cc: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Ordinance Review - parking restrictions on Phelps etc.

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Dear councilmembers,
I have been quite busy and realized that I missed submitting a comment on this item.

I wanted to emphasize that parking along the south side of Phelps is frequently used so that people can go out to the bluffs. It is also used for visitor parking for people living in Pacific Palms and even for overflow parking for people living on Mathilda/Ellwood Beach drive (they will park on Phelps and walk over, cutting through the pathway trail). At the same time, Cannon Green is usually full of cars at night (as is Mathilda/Ellwood Beach Drive).

My hope is that the City would take a narrow and humane approach to the concerns raised by neighbors. I fear that the problem will just get pushed out into other areas and that parking penalties would not address underlying issues that may be contributing (like homelessness).

I also note that the City recently rezoned some of the only RV storage properties to Housing. I suspect RV storage and parking will remain an ongoing challenge.

I also encourage ongoing efforts to fund and support Safe Parking. I'm not sure if the owner commercial parking lot in the University Plaza (Planet Fitness/Albertson's etc) might be willing to make parking available under some agreement with the City.

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