

Staff Report City of Manhattan Beach

TO:

Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM:

Richard Thompson, Director of Community Development

Erik Zandvliet, City Traffic Engineer

DATE:

October 16, 2007

SUBJECT:

Uphold the Parking and Public Improvements Commission

Recommendation to Approve a Disabled Street Parking Space at 610

Rosecrans Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council pass a motion to approve the Parking and Public Improvements Commission recommendation to install one disabled street parking space adjacent to 610 Rosecrans Avenue.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The recommended modifications can be accomplished through existing Public Works programs and budgets.

BACKGROUND:

On May 25, 2007, staff received a request from Mr. George Doubiago at 610 Rosecrans Avenue for a disabled street parking space near his home so he can easily access his property. Mr. Doubiago states that because of a recent hip replacement, he has difficulty walking and has purchased a vehicle with an automatic transmission that does not fit in his one-car garage. He also states that his live-in caretaker parks her vehicle adjacent to the garage in the alley. He has difficulty finding parking on Rosecrans Avenue due to high parking demand.

DISCUSSION:

As described in the attached report, the Traffic Engineer determined that the City's guidelines for the installation of disabled street parking have been met. The Traffic Engineer also observed that the home is more easily accessed at the front, adjacent to Rosecrans Avenue by means of a gently sloping walkway, as opposed to the rear, adjacent to the alley where the applicant must negotiate a series of steps to the house.

The City received objections from two residents to the proposed disabled street parking space,

stating that parking is already limited on the street and suggesting that the applicant should be encouraged to either make better use of his on-site parking or improve his access to the house from the rear of the property.

PPIC Review

On September 27, 2007, the Parking and Public Improvements Commission reviewed the Traffic Engineer's report and discussed the findings. The Commission agreed with the Traffic Engineer's findings and voted unanimously with the staff recommendation. The Commission requested that staff verify that the applicant has a current disabled parking permit prior to installing the disabled space. Mr. Dubiago has been issued a disabled access license plate (see photo with PPIC staff report) and attached is a copy of the current "hang tag" permit that is valid until June 30, 2009.

Meeting notices were sent to all properties within 300 feet of the requested space location for both the PPIC and City Council meetings. No further public input has been received.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. **APPROVE** the recommendation of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission.
- 2. **REMOVE** this item from the Consent Calendar and modify the recommendation or provide staff with direction.

Attachments:

- A. PPIC report dated 9/27/07, with attachments
- B. PPIC Minutes (Excerpt) 9/27/07
- C. Council meeting notice, 10/2/07
- D. Proof of Valid Disabled Parking Permit

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TO: Parking and Public Improvements Commission

FROM: Richard Thompson, Director of Community Development

BY: Erik Zandvliet, City Traffic Engineer 4

DATE: September 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Consider Disabled Street Parking Space at 610 Rosecrans Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission recommend approval to install one disabled street parking space adjacent to 610 Rosecrans Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

On May 25, 2007, staff received a request from Mr. George Doubiago at 610 Rosecrans Avenue for a disabled street parking space near his home so he can easily access his property. Mr. Doubiago states that because of a recent hip replacement, he has difficulty walking and has purchased a vehicle with an automatic transmission that does not fit in his one-car garage. He also states that his live-in caretaker parks her vehicle adjacent to the garage in the alley. He has difficulty finding parking on Rosecrans Avenue due to high parking demand.



610 Rosecrans Avenue Street Frontage

In 2002, the City Council adopted the Disabled Street Parking Guidelines to help determine the need for accessible parking by assessing the availability of parking on the property as well as on the street. The Guidelines are intended to provide disabled street parking for residents in locations where a hardship or burden is evident and can be addressed without significant impact to the health and welfare of the neighboring residents. The Americans with Disabilities Act and the City Building Code governed staff's determination of accessibility, need and reasonableness when evaluating the existing property conditions.

The Traffic Engineer reviewed Mr. Doubiago's request for compliance with the Disabled Street Parking Guidelines. He conducted a field investigation to evaluate the existing conditions at 610 Rosecrans Avenue and to determine if there are alternate parking possibilities other than disabled street parking that are feasible. An evaluation of each criteria is described below:

Resident Request

Mr. Doubiago submitted an e-mail request (attached) and provided proof of permanent disabled status.

Disabled Parking Permit

Mr. Doubiago submitted a valid disabled parking permit for 610 Rosecrans Avenue.

Notification

Staff mailed written notice of the request to nearby residents. (See attached.) Objections to the proposed space have been received, thus initiating a review and public hearing by the Commission.

Accessible Path

The proposed space is on the south side of Rosecrans Avenue. There is an accessible path from the curb to the front door without stairs. An accessible path is not available from the existing off-street parking in the garage due to at least 6 steps up to the house.

Off-street Parking

The property was evaluated for feasibility of potential off-street parking areas. Along the rear alley, there is an existing substandard one-car garage on the rear alley with a 7-foot wide door, an unpaved area to the west of the garage, and a rear gate. There is also space in front of the garage for one vehicle. Due to the topography, any parking spaces along the alley would require walking up several stairs to the residence. Also, there are property restrictions that prohibit driveways onto Rosecrans Avenue. Therefore, no feasible off-street parking was found to be reasonably achievable on this property.

Parking Demand

There are numerous on-street spaces on Rosecrans Avenue between Blanche Road and Flournoy Road because almost all properties take garage access from the rear alley. The proposed location would designate one of these spaces as a public disabled space. While there is a high demand for street parking in the area, the proposed street space is the most accessible parking space to 610 Rosecrans Avenue. High parking demand actually increases the need for disabled street parking, since unoccupied curb spaces are rarely available in close proximity to the property.

After determining that all of the guidelines had been met and accessible private parking was not reasonably available, a public notice was sent on August 16, 2007 to neighboring properties within 150 feet of the residence. In response to the notice, two residents have voiced their objection to proposed disabled street parking space:

- 1. Aprille and Roy Isham, at 612 Rosecrans, state that parking is already limited the street and the resident should make better use of his on-site parking and improve his access to the house from the rear of the property.
- 2. Richard Gronback, at 628 Rosecrans, states that the applicant should make better use of his on-site parking before reducing parking spaces on the street.

Since several objections were received, this matter has been forwarded to the Commission for further review.



610 Rosecrans Avenue Rear Alley Access

Meeting notices were sent to all properties with 300' of the requested disabled street parking location.

CONCLUSION:

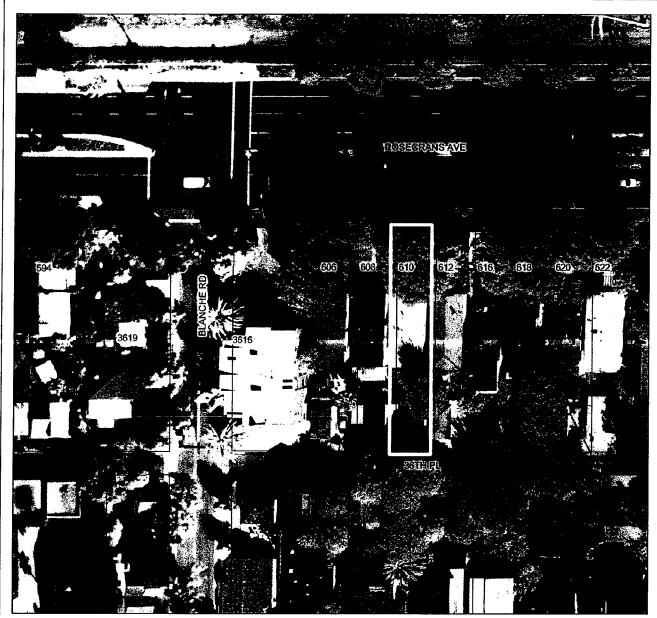
Based on the high demand for parking and absence of reasonably accessible off-street private parking, staff believes that the applicant's need presents a legitimate hardship. Therefore, a disabled street parking space is recommended on the south side of Rosecrans Avenue adjacent to 610 Rosecrans Avenue.

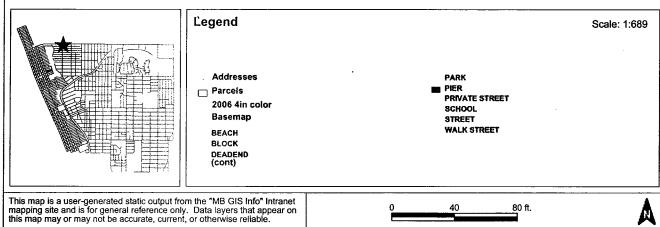
EXHIBITS:

Aerial Photo Disabled Street Parking Guidelines Request Letter and DMV Designation Public Notice Letter Isham Objection Letter

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610 Rosecrans-HC Street Space





80 ft.

City of Manhattan Beach DISABLED STREET PARKING GUIDELINES

LOCATION:	610	Rosecrans	Dre	DATE: 7/1°	7/07	GUIDELINES MET? YES
The City of Manhattan Beach recognizes that there are certain locations within the City that do not provide sufficient and/or accessible off-street parking. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Sections 22507 and 22511 et al., a limited number of on-street parking spaces may be designated by the City for the benefit of residents with an identifiable need for disabled parking without significantly affecting the available curb parking in an area. In these cases, the Americans with Disabilities Act, in conjunction with the following guidelines, will be used to determine where disabled street parking may be placed and maintained.						
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Mr. Rob Osborne

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Please review my application for a permanent HANDICAPPED designated Parking Spot in front of my residence at 610 Roscoans Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 I do have a garage in the rear of my residence....but it is housing my car, that I had To park due to a hip replacement, which I had last year in May, 2006. The hip re-Placement left me unable to push in the clutch on my manual transmission. I was Forced to purchase a vehicle with an automatic transmission. I purchased a 1988 Chevy pickup truck (bright yellow pickup truck, 1500 Silverado Chevrolet, with Handicap License plates, which is Approximately 20° long). I also have a Care-Giver person who lives at my residence. She parks her car in front of the my garage, so not to add to the to parking confusion in front on Rosecrans Ave., since my neighbors have two or more cars that they park on Rosecrans Ave., also. Our street sweeping days are Tuesdays and Fridays, from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. Please inform me by phone at (310) 545-6968 (I have an answering machine) when you come to a decision.

With Regards, George Doubiago



DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES



DISABLED PERSON PLACARD IDENTIFICATION CARD/RECEIPT

PLACARD NUMBER: 490683D

EXPIRES: 06/30/2007

DATE ISSUED: 03/29/2005

This identification card or facsimile copy is to be carried by the placard owner. Present it to any peace officer upon demand. Immediately notify DMV by mail of any change of address. When parking, hang the placard from the rear view mirror, remove it from the mirror when driving.

TYPE: N1

TV: 92

CO: 19

DOB: 07/07/1937

ISSUED TO

DOUBIAGO GEORGE BORIS 610 ROSECRANS AVE

MANHATTAN BCH CA 90266

Purchase of fuel (Business & Professions Code 13660):

State law requires service stations to refuel a disabled person's vehicle at self-service rates except self-service facilities with only one cashier. When your placard is properly displayed, you may park in or on:

- Disabled person parking spaces (blue zones)
- * Metered zones without paying.
- * Green zones without restrictions to time limits.
- * Streets where preferential parking privileges are given to residents and merchants.

You may not park in or on:

- * Red, Yellow, White or Tow Away Zones.
- * Crosshatch marked spaces next to disabled person parking spaces.

It is considered misuse to:

- * Display a placard unless the disabled owner is being transported.
- * Display a placard which has been cancelled or revoked.
- * Loan your placard to anyone, including family members.

Misuse is a misdemeanor (section 4461VC) and can result in cancellation or revocation of the placard, loss of parking privileges, and/or fines.

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EXPIRES: 06/30/2007

PLACARD *** *** D I S A B L E D PERSON

DATE ISSUED: 06/12/06

PLACARD NUMBER: 052220D TV: 92 PIC: 1

MO/YR: MT

DOUBIAGO GEORGE BORIS

DT FEES RECVD: 06/12/06

610 ROSECRANS AVE

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MANHATTAN BCH CA 90266

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City of Manhattan Beach

Community Development

Phone: (310) 802-5500 FAX: (310) 802-5501 TDD: (310) 546-3501

September 14, 2007

RE: Request for Disabled Parking Space Adjacent to 610 Rosecrans Avenue

Dear Owner/Resident:

The City has received a request to install a disabled street parking space adjacent to 610 Rosecrans Avenue. The Parking and Public Improvements Commission will review this request at a public meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2007. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Avenue, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide comments.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call me at (310) 802-5515 or email me at rlackow@citymb.info.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Lackow Senior Planner

Community Development Department

Begin forwarded message:

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> From: Aprille Isham <aprille1@adelphia.net>
> Date: August 20, 2007 10:53:59 AM PDT
> To: smathews@citymb.info
> Subject: 610 Rosecrans Disabled parking request
> Ms. Susan Matthews
> Management analyst
> Community Development Department
> City of Manhattan Beach
> Dear Ms. Matthews,
> Thank you for writing to us regarding the request by our neighbor
> for a disabled parking space for his use at 610 Rosecrans.
> Parking on Rosecrans has become an ever increasing challenge for
> all. In the almost 30 years as a homeowner here at 612 Rosecrans.
> there is seldom a time nowadays when the street in front is not
> congested with parked vehicles. If a disabled space were allotted
> it would further reduce available spaces increasing this problem
> for the majority.
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Perhaps the resident could make better use of parking in the space
in front of his garage available in the alley area. Clearing debris
from the 610 walkways would enable more convenient ingress and
egress from the rear and front of the 610 residence entries.
We have questions about a potential disabled parking space * Would the vehicle be exempt from moving for the twice weekly
street cleaning?
If so how would the City clean the area in front of our home?
* Would this space be a permanent installation?
Thank you for looking into our concerns.
Sincerely, Aprille and Roy (TEX) Isham

Noting the upcoming School Traffic Study, Commissioner Silverman questioned whether the proposed traffic measures (with the exception of increased police enforcement) should be put on hold until the study is complete.

Chair Paralusz stated her support for the proposed measures, agreeing that police enforcement is key. Noting the school's efforts and the dangerous situation that exists, she believes the proposed measures should be implemented immediately. The implemented measures and the entire area can then be reviewed when the School Traffic Study is conducted.

Action

A motion was MADE and SECONDED (Donahue/Stabile) to approve staff's initial recommendations (1-4) and two additional measures (5&6).

- 1. Paint additional red curb on both sides of Rowell Avenue north and south of 15th Street to improve sight distance at the intersection.
- 2. Paint a single yellow centerline on the north and south approach of Rowell Avenue at 15th Street.
- 3. Post a "NO LEFT TURN 7:45-8:30 AM, 1-2:30PM SCHOOL DAYS ONLY" restriction on Rowell Avenue at the northerly school driveway to prevent northbound left turns on school days.
- 4. Direct the Police Department to increase enforcement on Rowell Avenue near 15th Street.
- 5. Utilize a portable flashing stop sign at the intersection of Rowell Avenue and 15th Street.
- 6. Direct appropriate tree trimming to increase visibility.

AYES: / Donahue, Gross, Silverman, Stabile and Chair Paralusz

NOES. None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider Disabled Street Parking Space at 610 Rosecrans Avenue

Traffic Engineer Zandvliet presented staff's report and recommendation to approve the installation of one disabled street parking space adjacent to 610 Rosecrans Avenue. Based on the high demand for parking and absence of reasonably accessible off-street private parking, staff believes that the applicant's need presents a legitimate hardship.

Audience Participation

None.

Discussion

Commissioner Stabile pointed out that the staff report's attached copy of the requester's Department of Motor Vehicles disabled person placard indicates an expiration date of June 30, 2007. He requested staff to verify that a new placard has been issued before this matter is forwarded to City Council.

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Commissioner Silverman confirmed with staff that periodic reviews are conducted on all disabled street parking spaces to ensure their validity and continued need.

Action

A motion was MADE and SECONDED (Gross/Stabile) to recommend approval of the request for a new public disabled designated parking space adjacent to 610 Rosecrans Avenue, as recommended by staff.

AYES:

Donahue, Gross, Silverman, Stabile and Chair Paralusz

NOES:

None

ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

None None

3. Consider Encroachment Permit Appeal at 133 13th Street

Senior Planner Rosie Lackow presented a report and explained the recommendation to deny the request to maintain a covered trellis within the public right of way adjacent to 133 13th Street. Staff does not believe that the subject trellis is consistent with goals of the encroachment code and regulations and constitutes an expansion of a pre-existing nonconformity. Further, staff believes that it will encourage similar construction within the walk street encroachment areas if allowed to remain.

In response to questions from the Commission, Senior Planner Lackow confirmed that a permit request to build the current trellis would have been denied administratively, and that if the trellis is removed, the applicant can modify her Encroachment Permit application to get approval of a more compatible trellis that meets current standards and staff would review such a plan accordingly

Audience Participation

Susanne Bailey, 100 Block of 13th Street, applicant, provided background information on the trellis, stating that it replaced a pre-existing trellis, which was over 40 years old and deteriorated. She apologized for not obtaining the necessary permit, explaining she was not aware a permit was necessary. Ms. Bailey shared that most of her neighbors support the trellis, which she believes adds to the aesthetic beauty of the neighborhood and does not block ocean views. She then submitted additional letters of support to the Commission.

Sharing that she is Ms. Bailey's daughter, Tracy Beck, Via Rivera, Ranchos Palos Verdes, verified that the trellis was there when she was growing up in the home. She asked that the Commission consider her mother's appeal, as she believes it aesthetically pleasing to the neighborhood.

Loretta Warabow, 100 Block of 14th Street, voiced her support of the trellis, stating it is a wonderful addition to the walk street. She stated that Susanne Bailey is a good woman, has lived

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Telephone (310) 802-5000

FAX (310) 802-5001

October 2, 2007

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Re: Request for Disabled Street Parking Space at 610 Rosecrans Avenue

Dear Owner/Resident:

On September 27, 2007, the Parking and Public Improvements Commission reviewed a request that the City install one disabled street parking space adjacent to 610 Rosecrans Avenue. The Commission voted to recommend that the City Council approve this request based on finding that the request is consistent with Council policy and criteria for street disabled parking spaces.

The City Council will review this recommendation at a public meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, 1400 Highland Avenue, and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This matter will be on the portion of the agenda known as the "Consent Calendar", meaning that it will not automatically be discussed. If it is not requested to be discussed by either a member of the audience, a City staff person or a Councilmember, the recommended action will be approved without discussion. At a point at the beginning of the meeting the Mayor will ask the audience if they would like any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar. If you do not agree with the recommended action for this item, be sure to request that it be removed at that time. It will then be discussed during the portion of the agenda entitled "Items Removed from the Consent Calendar", toward the end of the meeting.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please call me at 802-5515.

Rosemary Lackow

Senior Planner

FROM MIRROR BEFORE DRIVING VEHICLE
CALIFORNIA



EXPIRES JUNE 30 2007

"WARNING: The illegal use of a disabled parking placard could result in a maximum fine of \$3,500."

PARKING PLACARD

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PURCHASE OF FUEL (Business & Professions Code 13660) State law requires service stations to refuel a disabled person's vehicle at self-service rates, except at service facilities with only one employee on duty.

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EXPIRES: 06/30/2009

*** DISABLED PERSON PLACARD ***

DATE ISSUED: 10/08/07

PLACARD NUMBER: 696318J PIC: 1 TV: 92

MO/YR: NX

DOUBIAGO GEORGE BORIS DT FEES RECVD: 10/08/07

610 ROSECRANS AVE

CA

AMT DUE : NONE

AMT RECVD - CASH : MANHATTAN BCH

- CHCK: - CRDT : 90266

CO: 19

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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES PLACARD IDENTIFICATION CARD

THIS IDENTIFICATION CARD OR FACSIMILE COPY IS TO BE CARRIED BY THE PLACARD OWNER. PRESENT IT TO ANY PEACE OFFICER UPON DEMAND. IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY DMV BY PHONE OR MAIL OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS. WHEN PARKING, HANG THE PLACARD FROM THE REAR VIEW MIRROR. REMOVE IT WHEN DRIVING.

PLACARD#: 696318J PLACARD HOLDER: DOUBIAGO GEORGE BORIS EXPIRES: 06/30/2009 610 ROSECRANS AVE

DOB: 07/07/1937

ISSUED: 10/08/07 TYPE: N1

MANHATTAN BCH 90266

PURCHASE OF FUEL (BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE 13660): STATE LAW REQUIRES SERVICE STATIONS TO REFUEL A DISABLED PERSON'S VEHICLE AT SELF-SERVICE RATES, EXCEPT SELF-SERVICE FACILITIES WITH ONLY ONE CASHIER.

WHEN YOUR PLACARD IS PROPERLY DISPLAYED, YOU MAY PARK IN/ON: *DISABLED PERSON PARKING SPACES (BLUE ZONES) *METERED ZONES WITHOUT PAYING *GREEN ZONES WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS TO TIME LIMITS *STREETS WHERE PREFERENTIAL PARKING PRIVILEGES ARE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS AND MERCHANTS.

YOU MAY NOT PARK IN/ON: *RED ZONES *TOW AWAY ZONES *WHITE OR YELLOW ZONES *SPACES MARKED BY CROSSHATCH LINES NEXT TO DISABLED PERSON PARKING SPACES.

IT IS CONSIDERED MISUSE: *TO DISPLAY A PLACARD UNLESS THE DISABLED OWNER IS BEING TRANSPORTED *TO DISPLAY A PLACARD WHICH HAS BEEN CANCELLED OR REVOKED *TO LOAN YOUR PLACARD TO ANYONE, INCLUDING FAMILY MEMBERS. MISUSE IS A MISDEMEANOR (SECTION 4461VC) AND CAN RESULT IN CANCELLATION OR REVOCATION OF THE PLACARD, LOSS OF PARKING PRIVILEGES, AND/OR FINES.