

March 22, 2016  
WH Beach Parking Task Force

The West Haven beach taskforce meeting was held on Tuesday March 22, 2016 at 2:10PM in the conference Room, third floor, City Hall. Present were Task Force Members Quagliani, Sabo, and Withington. Absent were Task Force Member Collins and Slater. Naizby from the Tax office was also present. Mr. Moreira was present in order to represent Quality Data Service. Sergeant was present to represent the West Haven Police Department.

The meeting minutes from March 8, 2016 was approved.

Public Session:

A public session was called. One member from the public came forth.

10 Colonial Place – Councilman Sean Ronan of the 9<sup>th</sup> district came forth

Ronan wanted to address the concern of some of his constituents. The concern was with non-residents parking on homeowners streets. Ronan wanted 'resident parking only' signs on such streets, or something to be put into place that will discourage non-residents to park on such streets.

At this point there was a discussion how what would be the best method to be put into place that the city can also monitor and enforce.

After no other member from the public came forth, public session was closed.

Taskforce Member Quagliani addressed an older concern of Senior Beach Stickers. The concern was that a lot of seniors no longer have transportation of their own and would like beach stickers for their nurses or children that are able to take them to the beach.

Taskforce Member Sabo addressed concerns against the Senior Beach Stickers. The concern was that seniors can ask for multiple ones for various children and those children are non-residents. The ordinance also states that beach stickers can only be given to residents.

There was a suggestion of making that a piece of the constable training. The constables would have the discretion of letting seniors into the parking lot without a beach sticker if they come with their children or nurse, so long as they can prove they are a resident and are at a certain age (that is decided upon).

Taskforce members addressed Palace Street and parking rules there. It was agreed upon by the task force that Palace Street be changed to a Pay-For-Parking location for everyone. Nearby Oak Street and Altschuler Plaza are available for free resident parking locations.

Taskforce members also agreed upon that vendors will be charged as any other vehicle utilizing a parking space on Palace Street.

Taskforce members agreed to recommend a non-sworn parking compliance officer program be established where individuals such as constables, crossing guards, etc. are given authority to enforce parking regulations. These individuals will be part-time employees with no benefits reporting to the Police Department.

The Taskforce believes this is the only way to establish consistent parking violation enforcement due to higher priorities and duties of our police officers.

The Taskforce members also recommend that the Beach Constable Program budget be increased to allow for more hours to enhance compliance and increase revenue collection.

This was the last meeting of the West Haven Beach Taskforce. The taskforce will be reporting to the Mayor on their findings by April 1, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT 3:11 PM

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