

February 4, 2016

WH Beach Parking Task Force

The public comment meeting for the West Haven Beach Task Force was held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harriett North Room in City Hall. Present were Task Force Members Quagliani, Slater, Withington and Sabo. Mayor Edward O'Brien was present also. Sergeant Ciccocanti and Sergeant Costenzo were present to represent the Police Dept.

Public Comments:

Resident Georgiana Jette, 90 Anderson Ave., spoke about keeping the beach area known as Sandy Point clean. She would also like the parking lot closed at night. Georgiana has concerns about a lack of enforcement with nonresident parking and would like the non sticker vehicles to be tagged by the police department. She also has concerns about nonresidents parking in the Chick's parking lot this summer.

Resident Carol Sotter, 45 Third Ave. Extension, has concerns about the Sandy Point area during the demolition of the houses on Third Ave. Extension. She would like more lighting on the street. She sees heavy traffic by the beach as soon as the warm weather arrives. She would like West Haven to take care of their residents. She also has concerns about all the trash left behind on the beaches.

Resident Inga Nelson, 97 Atwater Street, thanked the police department for their help by the beach. She would like the entire parking entrance at Sandy Point closed at night to distract people from entering the area when the beach is closed.

Resident Lori Moran, 6 Colonial Place, stated there are a lot of people who leave lots of trash behind at the parking lot and beach area near South Street entrance. She has seen families go onto the beach with grills and cook on the beach, which is illegal.

Resident Rich Hebert, 166 Blohm Street, would like West Haven to have designated areas for nonresidents to park for the beach. Then have it publicized so they know where they are able to park and pay. Possibly shuttle nonresidents to the beach from a designated area.

Resident Donald Froehlich Jr., 22 Brown Street, would like the free parking lot at Chick's closed. He feels there is a lot of trash left behind at the beaches and parking lots.

Resident Mark DeGennaro, 71 Aimes Drive, feels we should have a designated area for nonresidents to park and pay for the beach. Residents should be responsible for their guest's action. He would like to see the tax office hand out beach stickers to residents who have paid their taxes and have car plate number on the sticker to identify the sticker to their vehicle.

Resident Dave Riccio, 667 Washington Ave, would like to increase patrol by the beach area. He would like to see more kiosks around the beach area to collect for parking.

Mark Zaresky from the New Haven Register attended the meeting.

Mayor Edward O'Brien feels parking on the streets by the beach is very congested during the warm months. The Mayor would like to collect more revenue for parking along the shoreline, possibly through kiosk machines, similar to Palace Street. The Mayor thanked all the residents involved in the clean up at Sandy Point. The area is very beautiful and stressed the need to keep it clean. We need to resolve the issues with trash and parking along the shore. The West Haven Beach Parking Task Force has until April 1st. to complete their report.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 P.M.

The next WH Beach Parking Task Force will be held on Tuesday February 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room in City Hall.

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