

March 1, 2016
WH Beach Parking Task Force

The West Haven beach taskforce meeting was held on Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 2:03PM in the conference Room, third floor, City Hall. Present were Task Force Members Quagliani, Collins, Withington, and Slater. Absent was Task Force Member Sabo. Sergeant Ciccocanti was present to represent the West Haven Police Department. Mr. Moreira was present in order to represent Quality Data Service.

The meeting minutes from February 16, 2016 was approved.

Public Session:

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

Lois Dioro from 14 Laurel Place was concerned about non-residents parking on her street. She stated that her street is narrow and these non-residents are parking on both sides of the street. This makes it impossible for traffic to go through Laurel Place. There used to be no parking signs, but over the years they disappeared. Stated that she had to call the police a few times to have the car ticketed, but she doesn't like to bother the police with ticket complaints.

Task Force Member Quagliani responded by reiterating all of the plans that the task force has for the future of beach stickers and the parking lots at the beach. The task force mentioned the idea of having a ticket and tow zone.

Task Force Member Quagliani asked Sergeant Ciccocanti to look into the Laurel Street Parking issue.

After no more members from the public came forth, public session was closed.

Last meeting there was a discussion of the full time constable program. This discussion was continued in today's meeting. Task Force Member Slater looked into the approximate cost of the full time constables program and the number estimated to \$60 grand. According to Slater, we need to look into the Kiosk program.

Sargeant Ciccocanti looked into the ticketing revenue. He found out that the people are paying off their tickets, and to improve how many people pay off their ticket, there e just needs to be better enforcement.

The taskforce has narrowed down their research to a few different solution. All solutions were discussed in today's meeting.

- 1) Full time constable program
- 2) Kiosk Program
- 3) Improving the beach stickers to have a bar code or license plate number or both
 - a. Mr. Moreira showed the team examples of beach stickers with license plates on them.
 - b. Mr. Moreira discussed the process of how to make license plate beach stickers possible.
 - c. Mr. Moreira also discussed billing information. What is the best way to send out these stickers? With taxes? Or separate mailing?

- d. This will be discussed further in the next meeting as Mr. Moreira will do more research for costs, and the logistics of setting it up.
- 4) Ticket and Tow Zones
 - a. This will help ensure that ticket payments are being collected
 - b. Can ask the tow companies to collect the tickets when the car owner comes to pick up their cars. Ticket and Tow Zones will help increase the revenue which in turn can help pay for the constable program.
- 5) Creating an ordinance or updating a current ordinance
 - a. Ordinance for blocking a mailbox. There will be a fine if your vehicle is blocking a mailbox
 - b. Quagliani will look into adding this as either a new ordinance or updating a current one
- 6) Increasing ticket fines
 - a. Current fines are as low as how much it costs for a beach sticker to begin with
 - b. This is why the taskforce is looking into the idea of increasing such fines
 - c. Pricing will be brought before the city council for approval
- 7) Non-Sworn Parking Attendant
 - a. Collins, Quagliani, and Ciccocanti brought up the idea of creating non-sworn parking attendants.
 - b. This will help alleviate some of the costs and will help the WHPD with their workload
 - c. This will be further discussed in the next meeting.

All of the taskforce members present agreed that the final solution will be a combination of a few of the solutions mentioned above.

Mr. Moreira from Quality Data Service was invited back for the meeting on the 22nd of March with more information on license plates and barcodes on the beach stickers.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 2:00PM

ADJOURNMENT 3:02PM

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