



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Manager's Office

TENTATIVE -
SUBJECT TO
REVISION

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

VIA ZOOM ONLY

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81037689427>

Thursday, January 13, 2022
9:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Lew Crampton, Committee Chair
Bobbie Lindsay, Committee Member

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Old Business

1. Proposed Parking Regulation Changes on the West Side of South Lake Drive to Improve Balance between Marina and Residential Needs and to Minimize the Potential of Adverse Impacts to Adjacent 400 Block Streets
Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

B. New Business

1. None

II. ANY OTHER MATTERS

III. ADJOURNMENT

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Information for Business & Administrative Committee Meeting on: January 13, 2022

To: Business and Administrative Committee

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Proposed Parking Regulation Changes on the West Side of South Lake Drive to Improve Balance between Marina and Residential Needs and to Minimize the Potential of Adverse Impacts to Adjacent 400 Block Streets

Date: January 6, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Business and Administrative Committee (BAC) review the information provided below, and approve the proposed parking regulation changes on the west side of South Lake Drive to improve the balance between Marina and residential parking needs, which we believe will minimize the potential for adverse impacts to the adjacent 400 block streets.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the December 8, 2021, BAC meeting, staff acknowledged that the newly renovated Town Marina and Lake Drive Park has begun attracting, and will continue to attract, marina customers and vendors, as well as park users for years to come. And as expected, parking is in high demand along South Lake Drive.

Although staff recommended that we allow a bit of time to pass so that we may experience how the new marina and renovated park affect parking demands and traffic in the area before recommending policy changes, we presented some options for addressing potential issues associated with higher parking demand in the future. The options discussed included:

1. Expanding Placard Parking on the 400 Blocks adjacent to South Lake Drive to minimize turnover/Traffic associated with 2-hour parking spaces
2. Allow parking after 6:00 pm in some of the spaces currently dedicated 24/7 for marina operations on the west side of South Lake Drive
3. Consolidate current RPP areas on the 400 blocks and S. Lake Drive into a singular RPP program to allow for more parking flexibility for residents

After initial discussion among committee members and staff, members of the public provided input. The feedback received regarding the options discussed was mixed, but informative and helpful. After additional discussion among the committee and staff, the BAC directed the Deputy Town Manager to meet with representatives from the Royal Park Homeowners

Associations to review further the options presented and obtain their input on other ideas they may have, relative to desired parking regulations changes.

Subsequent to the December 8th meeting, staff met with the RPHA and reviewed feedback provided by other residents via email. Said meeting was very productive and resulted in a number of resident-driven ideas for improving the balance in parking regulations in this area to ensure residential and park user needs were met. At this time, the RPHA is not ready to recommend changes, as they are in agreement with staff and the committee to let a couple more months go by so that we better understand how the new marina and park impact parking needs (and traffic). The RPHA, however, is supportive of the staff's recommendation to modify the parking regulations for some of the spaces located on the west side of South lake Drive.

Currently, there are 56 parking spaces on the west side of South Lake Drive dedicated to marina operations 24/7. Although we are still in the very early stages of operations and the marina is far from being at full physical capacity, it appears that it will not cause any adverse operational impact to allow after-hours and weekend use of some parking spaces on the west side of the street for nearby residents, their visitors, and visitors to the park. As outlined on the attached map and photos, staff will modify the parking regulation for the eight (8) parking spaces immediately south of the Brazilian Docks parking lot to be "Marina Parking Only, Monday – Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and 2-hour free parking at all other times, including all day on weekends." There may be an opportunity in the future to modify the regulations of additional spaces, but staff feels strongly that we must allow more time to pass so evidence-based decisions can be made.

If the BAC agrees, this change can be effectuated administratively. However, if the BAC feels that the full Town Council should endorse the change staff is happy to seek approval at the February 8 Town Council meeting.

Attachment

cc: Parking Committee

SOUTH LAKE DRIVE

Proposed Changes in Parking Regulations on West Side of Road

Current Regulations: Marina Parking Only 24/7 (56 spaces)

Proposed Regulations: Marina Parking Only 24/7 (48 spaces)

Marina Parking Only Mon through Fri from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, 2-hour Parking all other times (8 spaces)

(See highlighted spaces and photos below)







