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Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 1:28 PM

To: Deborah Lopez <dlopez@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Fw: Timed parking on Armitos Ave towards creek

To Madam Mayor and Members of the Council,

I am here tonight to emphatically oppose the approval of timed parking on Armitos Avenue from Kellogg to the San Jose

Creek. Timed parking will eliminate essential parking for individuals who work and live in this corner of Old Town.

I have lived on Armitos Avenue for over 23 years and have been monitoring parking on the surrounding streets for the past 10 years. The area identified for timed parking is utilized primarily by employees of the many businesses on and around Depot Road. It is also used by people who live in the area, including residents of the adjacent housing authority. There are many businesses on Depot road that require a lot of manpower. Mechanics, body shops, fence factory, boat yard fabrication, construction workers, landscape companies and more. One landscape company behind my house has over 20 employees and many of them park in the spaces currently targeted for timed parking. There is also a great deal of abuse with our city streets because of a plethora of cars being stored. Cars from inside and outside of our neighborhood park for weeks and months without ever moving. Currently I can walk and show you at least fifteen cars being stored in my direct neighborhood, including Armitos where the city wants to implement timed parking.

There are about 30 spaces within the area you are proposing to implement timed parking. Where are these people going to park going forward? The surrounding streets are already overcrowded, without the loss of approximately 30 spaces in the proposed area. How in the world are these landscape workers going to move their cars when working in Montecito all day? Where are the nearby residents going to park if we take away 30 spaces? These cars will not leave the neighborhood, they will just negatively impact the residents in the surrounding areas that already struggle with too many cars in front of their homes.

I would suggest that we start with approving a total of eight timed parking spaces at the end of Armitos Avenue on the park side of the street between the last driveway and the creek. There are eight spaces. These spaces need to have slash marks to indicate the parking size in order to be most efficient. The timed parking should be for a minimum of four hours, seven days a week, to be compatible with the proposed timed parking at the Johnny Wallace Park. Parking in the 8 spaces I mentioned, will allow people to experience a great nature walk to the new splash pad. It's like a small nature walk from one park to the other smelling the wild plants. Do you think an hour and a half is sufficient time to hike from your car and visit the splash pad and return with your kids? How stressful to have such a time limit.

I would also like the city to find a solution for the cars being stored on the streets of Old Town. Our parking enforcement resources should be used to get rid of some of the cars that never move. This could potentially free up multiple parking spaces.

In closing, please do not remove 30 spaces of essential parking from people who work and live in Old Town. Start with a small number of timed parking spaces, increase the time limit on those spaces and see how that works, before making a more drastic change. The proposal in the current state has the potential to negatively affect our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Brian Boisky

From: Groovyjazz <youngxrose@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:56 PM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Johnny D. Wallis/Armitos street parking

Hello,

To whom this email may concern,

I believe the 90 minutes parking is going to be a major issue not only for me as a local resident but for the people that work around here that have to park on that street during business hours. Many residents love to have guests over as do I, I think it's unfair for guests and myself to have to move our vehicles every 90 minutes when there isn't any need to. As for the park itself I think overnight parking isn't an issue either if you wanted to have people leave at a certain time I feel like that would make more sense. The 4 hour max is also going to be a big problem considering how many people throw parties or have basic celebrations there that are way longer than 4 hours.

From: [Catherine Bednar](#)
To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Item D.2: City Council Agenda, August 20, 2024
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:12:06 PM

Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Reyes-Martin, and Councilmembers Kasdin, Kyriaco, and Richards:

Regarding Item D-2, Resolution to Adopt 90-Minute Timed Parking Restrictions in Old Town Goleta for Armitos Avenue Between South Kellogg Avenue and San Jose Creek, on your August 20, 2024, agenda.

I have lived in Old Town Goleta for over 35 years and have taken an active interest in my community.

After reviewing the staff reports for your meeting and for the July 10, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting as well as viewing the July 10 parks commission meeting, I do not support staff's recommendation to adopt the proposed parking restrictions.

The July 10 parks commission staff reports states that staff had been reviewing the parking situation at Armitos Park for a year. But the refurbished park and new community garden did not open until May 29, 2024. Before that date, the park was closed for many months because of construction. Any parking issues during that period would have been heavily affected by construction activities, not park visitors.

Thus, barely *six weeks* elapsed between the park re-opening and the July 10 parks commission meeting. That period would not be representative of long-term parking needs.

There likely would have been a "bulge" in park use when all 50 lucky gardeners started up their plots at nearly the same time, bringing in plants, mulch, fertilizers, and tools. Also, there would probably be more visitors to the play area than over the longer term, because people would be curious about the new equipment.

Between publication of the July 10, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission agenda and yesterday, I have visited or walked past Armitos Park at least three times a week, usually between the hours of 10:30 am and 4:00 pm when the sun is at its highest. The garden plots visible through the fence appear to be thriving, although I hardly ever catch sight of a gardener at work in the heat of the day. Although the play area is in constant use, it has not seemed crowded except for the Sunday after the park re-opening.

There have always been at least three to six sizable parking spaces available at these times, and they are usually available closer to the park and the creek. This has proved to be the case even on weekends

Consequently, I do not see a current need for the proposed parking restrictions.

- First, as I stated above, six weeks study is not sufficient basis for imposing parking restrictions.

Second, the parking situation seems less hectic than it might have been just after the ribbon cutting.

Third, the gardeners seem to avoid the heat of day, so they will not necessarily benefit from midday parking restrictions; but nearby residents who are at home during the day (or their guests) would be burdened by the necessity of moving their vehicles every 90 minutes—as would employees of the businesses on Depot Road and South Kellogg north of Armitos.

Fourth, any parking shifted from this block because of the proposed restrictions will simply move farther to the west and increase the burden on those residents.

Fifth not much discussion was given to the efficacy and cost of enforcement of any new restrictions.

In conclusion,

- First the city needs a longer-term study of park needs and usage before imposing any restrictions.

Second, the city could stagger the assignment of garden plots, so that the need for closer parking when gardeners are starting up their plots is spread out.

(Admittedly this will be difficult at first since users have a one-year "lease" with the option of renewing for another year, but eventually the current gardeners will time out and the city can adjust the schedule.)

Third, the city could adopt a plan similar to that suggested in another comment and designate a small number of marked spaces closer to the park as timed parking.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Catherine E. Bednar
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From: Brian Boisky <boisky7@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 9:48 PM
To: City Clerk Group
Cc: James Kyriaco; Kyle Richards; Stuart Kasdin; pperotte@cityofgolete.org; Luz Reyes-Martin; Brian Boisky
Subject: Objection to No Overnight Parking Johnny Wallace Park

To Madam Major and Council,

I'm here tonight to object to the " proposed elimination "of overnight parking at Johnny Wallace Park. I understand and agree that the parking lot is full in the mornings because of the residences from the adjacent apartments are using the lot. I have visited the lot daily in the early mornings and sometimes in the afternoons for 17 days to observe the availability of parking spaces in the lot. This was done from July 30 to August 19. 7 out of the 17 days at about 8:30 the lot was full. 4 mornings there were 1 to 3 spaces available at about 8:30 am. 1 Saturday morning the lot was half full, one Friday afternoon it was empty. One Sunday at 9 am there were 8 empty spaces. One Monday morning there were 6 empty spaces. I'm identifying the car movement because in mid mornings and throughout the day there is some parking available. If the proposed timed hours are enforced then around 9 am the cars using the lot at night will be forced out. If you approve to eliminate the nighttime parking, where are 15 or more cars going to park ? There is no available street parking. There are cars being stored in front of the park, on Depot road, and on Armitos. The lack of availability parking will continue to have cars moving further down Armitos. This is already happening. Our neighborhood is being consumed by more parked cars. If you make the total street of Armitos towards the creek timed parking, our neighborhood will become more congested and eliminating the parking we use in front of our own houses. To have 2 spaces for maintenance vehicles all day is excessive. I have watched maintenance personnel many times. I've noticed one city worker comes and cleans the bathrooms early when the park is open. I see the gardeners come early morning. The gardening vehicles won't park in the lot because they have trailers and cannot navigate the small space. They are there most of the time a few hours not all day. I can see having a space reserved for them from 8 to 12 noon. All day is excessive . Why can't some of the large Red zones be smaller to create at least two more spaces. There is plenty of curb length to eliminate a part of a red zone and still be safe and have good visibility. I don't see why you have to take more street space for the park. The street is always full, now you are taking 2 more spaces. There are 3 to 5 cars being stored in front of the park that only move to avoid an Orange Tagged from enforcement . The 4 hour limit might be a hardship for large family parties. Maybe a reservation system can be in place to reserve an area and get issued a temporary permit that allows them to stay longer. This could only apply to one event a day for say, three vehicles. The 4 hour time limit needs to apply to some of the spaces on Armitos, if approved. Thanks Brian Boisky

From: Krista Beard <kristabeard@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:59 PM
To: City Clerk Group; Kyle Richards; James Kyriaco; Luz Reyes-Martin; Paula Perotte; Stuart Kasdin
Subject: Public Comment for Aug. 20, 2024 Board Meeting: Armitos Timed Parking
Attachments: Response to 90 Minute Parking on Armitos Ave..pages

To Whom it May Concern at the City of Goleta,

Please find pasted within the email below, as well as attached, a public comment regarding the proposed timed parking on Armitos Ave.

Thank you for considering and sharing the public comment at the August 20, 2024 board meeting.

Sincerely,
Krista Beard

Public Comment re. Proposed Timed Parking on Armitos Ave.:

August 19, 2024

To Whom It May Concern at the City of Goleta:

I am a resident of Old Town Goleta and live on Armitos Ave. I am writing in response to the proposal for timed parking along Armitos Ave. between the intersections of S. Kellogg Ave. and San Jose Creek.

I have lived on Armitos Ave. since purchasing my home in 2003. Each year parking has become increasingly impacted as people from the larger apartment complexes near Nectarine and Mandarin Avenues, limited in their parking, spillover park many blocks away all along Armitos Ave.

I have significant concerns about timed parking between S. Kellogg Ave. and San Jose Creek further impacting parking on the rest of Armitos Ave. I anticipate that the people currently parking near the park at the end of Armitos, will then move their cars further down Armitos. This would create greater impaction of already limited parking. Additionally, anyone who is long term parking their car on the street would not have a motivation to move their car back and forth between the timed parking and the untimed parking zones, with only one section of the street being zoned as timed.

It seems to me that creating timed parking is a stop-gap move between a much greater issue, which is how to keep cars from being long-term parked, so as to create parking movement, allowing more city street parking availability.

To help with this issue, has the city considered partnering with Yardi to use part of their very large parking lot for overflow parking from Old Town residents? Or secondly, has the city considered working with the Toyota dealership located on S. Kellogg Ave. adjacent to the park, to move the fence line beside the dealership to create a larger parking lot for the park? The dealership doesn't seem to make use of the back space of their lot. Moving the fence line could create a significant amount of parking spots, which would be beneficial to users of both Old Town parks.

If the City of Goleta decides to move forward with timed parking, could the following alternatives to timed parking be considered?

Option 1: Only put timed parking on one side of Armitos Ave. and not both sides of the street.

Option 2: Consider a "resident permit" for that section of Armitos, so as to allow anyone who purchases the resident permit to remain parked and exempt from the timed parking.

Option 3: Only put timed parking in a small section directly in front of the park itself.

The posting regarding the timed parking proposal was very small and although I walk the neighborhood frequently, I just noticed the sign a few days ago, so I apologize for my response so close to the meeting deadline. Additionally, as a schoolteacher at La Patera Elementary, I am unable to attend the board meeting in person as I will be preparing for the first day of school on August 21, hence the presentation of my thoughts in written form and not in person at the board meeting.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal and thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Krista Beard

From: Todd Bailey <todd@boonegraphics.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 10:22 AM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Reference Agenda item D.2 24-397 Armitos Drive parking

Good afternoon!

I am writing to acknowledge my support for a section of street parking to be available for Armitos Park visitors. I have been working across the street from Armitos Park for 12 years and it is a constant battle to find a parking spot at any given hour on Armitos Ave. between South Kellogg and San Jose Creek. The bulk of vehicles parked here are long term and sit for many days to several weeks.

With the newly refreshed Park available to the neighborhood I would hope people could actually park and enjoy it. That is rarely the case.

Please strongly consider a solution so the Park can be the asset to the community it was intended for.

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From: Dave Tanner <dtanner@boonegraphics.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 10:30 AM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: City of Goleta Agenda Public Comment for item D.2 24-397 & D.3 24-371

Hello,
If not too late, I wanted to send in my support for both parking initiatives

D.2 24-397 - Armitos Drive - Support

I have worked in the Boone Graphics building looking down at Armitos for about 20 years now and have seen just about everything on Armitos. The rebuilding of the park, opening a community garden, and extending the bike path have breathed new life into this neighborhood. It's exciting to see the community have such a wonderful opportunity. With community members tending their plots and families utilizing the park. There's barely a moment when there is not someone in the park and swings are not being used.

It is disappointing, however, to see community garden members needing to park down the street, or around the block and try to cart all of their garden supplies to their plot. For minivans and cars full of kids to pull up and have to find someone else to park. Then having to park elsewhere and trek back with baby carriers, coolers, bikes, and kids from over a block away.

Boone Graphics provides parking for its employees and does not have any personnel use Armitos.

D.3 24-371 Johnny Wallace Park - Support

As a community member and father of two girls, I am in full support of the 4-hour parking at Johnny Wallace Park. I have never actually been able to park at Johnny Wallace Park with my kids. We always have to park about a block away (or at Boone, a luxury for us) and walk back to the park. I have never been to a party or event there that lasts longer than four hours. However, the 4-hour limit is only for parking, not for park use, so if someone needs to use the park for longer, they can just move their car a space or two. I would prefer the parking for Johnny Wallace be for those actively enjoying Johnny Wallace Park.

The 2 designated service spots I feel are necessary to ensure the proper upkeep of a park. A community's health can be measured by the quality and upkeep of its parks. Let's give the support and maintenance teams the access they need to promote a clean healthy park to support our healthy community.

Thank you

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