



DOWNTOWN
SANTA BARBARA

FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 19st, 2023, 2 – 3
PM

In Person:

The Bobcat Room
 11. W. Ortega Street
 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Chairs: Bob Stout / Clay Holdren |
| 2. Public Comment | (3 min/person) |
| 3. Introductions & Sign In | Group |
| 4. City Staff Update | City Staff and Council Report 10 min
Recommended Action: City staff / council members share updates on issues and policies pertinent to downtown |
| 5. Downtown Organization Updates | DSB Staff Report 5 min
The downtown organization staff provide updates on Downtown Organization programs and initiatives |
| 6. Community Updates | Group Discussion 10 min
Recommended Action: Those in attendance can share a 2-minute update about issues or business pertaining to downtown |
| 7. New Business | Attendees Discussion 5 min
Recommended Action: Discuss any new business that should be considered for a future meeting agenda. |
| 8. Adjourn | Bob Stout / Clay Holdren |

Next Committee Meeting: THURSDAY 11/16/2023 at 2 PM. Same Location

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Attendees:

Bob Stout, Mike Jordan, Robin Elander, Laura Knight, Richard Yates, Ian Smith, Mitchel Sjerven, Jacqueline Karp, Nicole Castillo, Scott Stephan, Daniel Ramierz, Brian Bosse, Tess Harris, Sarah Clarke

Call to Order:

2:07pm

Introductions:

Group.

City Updates:

Brian Bosse, Tess Harris and Sarah Clark what is anticipated to be on the next three weeks if council agendas (Sept 26, Oct 3 and Oct 10).

On Sept. 26 staff will present to council to receive input and direction for shuttle options, temporary bike lane configuration through the promenade and options for a drop off and pick up zone at granada theater.

on October 3rd Tess Harris will be presenting to council an informational item to receive further council direction on policies for outdoor dining on private property anticipated to go into effect after Dec. 31, 2023.

With the expiration of ERETO happening in december, new ordinances will continue the ERETO programs (closure of street, parklet policies, ect)

Businesses with existing structures (or intention to build) would be required to submit a pre application before the end of the year to show intention of compliance and give businesses an opportunity to see what compliance specifically would entail for their business location (ie: new curbs, bathrooms etc) and what would be needed in order to do so (and what costs would be involved) before they decide if they want to proceed to final permit process.

Once submitted and reviewed, businesses will have the option to move forward or not and permit private property dining in permanent status.



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If in a coastal development area, a Coastal development permit will be required (at a reduced rate of almost 50%). If outside of the area, they will need a building permit from the City.

If a business does not fill out the pre application before the end of the year, a business would be in violation if it remains the same after Jan 2 due to the expiration of the ERETO on December 31st.

Enforcement will be on a complaint driven process with a site inspection if made aware about potential violations.

Mitchell: question on the added Granada drop off: Research done or how was that decision made?

Brian Bosse answer: Dependent on Granada schedules and staff recommendation for the State street drop off and most accessible location for upper State Street traffic.

Between the October 3rd timeframe and into December, City will be pushing out information and reminders in order to ensure businesses are aware of the necessity to preapply.

Brian Bosse: On October 10th, Public works will be going to Council with permanent parklet programs city wide. Will be implementing a pre application process as well in order to give Businesses the opportunity to see the potential of permanent parklets before fully committing.

Laura Knight: What is the update as to where transportation lies and what the Promenade is thinking in terms of layout for Bikes and cars?

Brian Bosse: Council recommended the same closure of current streets as done by ERETO. The shuttles might be something that could be implemented with minimal changes to layout other than lane delineation and vertical barricades to encourage slower speeds.

Bob: Can you elaborate on Shuttle possibilities on the Promenade?

Brian Bosse: Possibility for the previous large shuttle to continue (through one way vehicle traffic would have to be opened up) or the mini shuttles shared with two way bike lanes. This will all be discussed on the 26th, with the anticipation of direction from Council. Examples of micro shuttle programs in Coronado and San Diego, some being paid, on demand, timed, ect. Council was clear to pursue striped bike lanes though, the decision depends on the design of the shuttle concept so that the Traffic Engineer can properly design the street to accommodate both operations (shuttles + bikes).

Richard Yates: Main concern is not to give HLC complete control over design requirements without consulting city staff and business owners.

Laura Knight: How is the enforcement of bicycle operations going with the Police Force?

Mike Jordan: Enforcement of bikes on the promenade is not possible with the current workforce according to the Police Chief at the last Council Meeting.

Conversation continued about the potential solution of allowing cars back on state street to naturally take care of the bicycle traffic issue. Or more crowds, or designated lanes. Potential vertical elements would be included in the bike lane delineators to encourage slower speeds.



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Bob Stout question: Any potential changes to W Victoria St?

Brian Bosse answer: No, council suggested to continue all promenade traffic patterns including W Victoria St.

Community Updates:

Sarah Clarke: Important to know that next week Edison is to begin stage 3 of their Reliability Project on the 00 and 100 blocks on Anacapa St between Sola and Guiteierez, major roadwork going through the holidays and into the beginning of next year. Affected businesses will be reached out to for as much notice as possible.

Mike Jordan: In two weeks the underpass will be worked on going down to two lane traffic, one lane at a time, one pedestrian way at a time. Going on for a year and a half.

Robin: Question as to how these upcoming meetings are being communicated with the public?

Tess Harris: For October 3rd, no notification as it is an informational item to council and no decisions will be made, only internal direction as to how to proceed. Same with the one on the 26th, according to Brian Bosse. After October 3rd, heavy outreach to businesses that have outdoor dining for notifications and informational notice.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm

Important upcoming Council Meeting dates:

September 26th:

Promenade Transportation Interim Operations (bike lanes, shuttles, one way vehicular traffic ect)

October 3rd:

Informational item for outdoor dining on private property

October 10th:

Presentation of new city wide Permanent Parklet Program

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