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Oversized Vehicle Ordinance Public Outreach Meeting – 1/31/24

OVO Stakeholder Outreach Meeting of 1/31/24

1. Stakeholder attendees – [REDACTED] (ACLU), [REDACTED] (Santa Cruz Cares [REDACTED]), [REDACTED] (Westside Neighbors), [REDACTED] (Santa Cruz Neighbors), [REDACTED] (DeAnza), [REDACTED] (participant of Safe Parking Program)
2. Staff attendees – Lisa Murphy (CMO), Lee Butler (PCD), Megan Bunch (Homelessness Response), RV dweller/Safe Parking participant, Larry Imwalle (Homelessness Response), Tim Maier (PCD)
3. Lisa Murphy - led discussion of number of permits and citations issued
 - a. Provided overview of number of parking permits sold
 - i. [REDACTED] - asked for clarification about nature of "closure"
 - ii. Lee Butler-clarified that closure refers to holiday closure
 - iii. [REDACTED] - asked about nature of hotel permits
 - b. Lisa - contacted Gaven remotely to determine number of nights for which hotel guest parking valid, in response to question from [REDACTED]
 - i. Lee Butler - clarified that hotel guest permits valid for 3 evenings
 - c. Conversation ensued about cost of residential permit relative to hotel guest permits
 - i. Megan - clarified duration of validity of parking permit
 - ii. Lisa - described that residential parking permit program modification discussed
 - d. Question raised about nature of residential parking permit potentially possible
 - i. Participant asked about whether RV must be owned by resident in order to obtain residential parking permit for RV
 - ii. Lee clarified that City not distinguish between person staying in vehicle or not
 - e. Lisa - provide information re: number of citations issued, number appealed and dismissed
 - i. [REDACTED] - asked why some permit appeals denied
 - ii. Carter S. - described, in two instances, why two appeals denied - described behavior citation recipient (removing items from vehicle) resulting in denial
 - f. [REDACTED] - asked how number of citations varied between time prior to enforcement for OVO until now
 - i. Carter - stated that would need to have information regarding nature of violation
 - ii. [REDACTED] - asked whether any OV owners have amassed 4 or more tickets
 - g. Carter - stated that, to his knowledge, most tickets amassed by any one vehicle is two tickets
 - i. Lee asked whether unattached trailer citations quantified
 - ii. Carter stated that such data recorded if citation derives from violation of OVO
4. Lisa – led discussion of feedback of Stakeholder Outreach Group meeting received

- a. Question raised about possible increase in number of RVs in County land due to City enforcement in OVO
 - i. Carter – provided response
- b. █████ - asked about whether number of oversized vehicles within City limits have been reduced following beginning of enforcement of OVO
 - i. Carter - stated that number of RVs on Delaware reduced - only two as of earlier today located on Delaware Ave
 - ii. █████ - stated that RVs dispersed into City neighborhoods
- 5. Lisa - brought up question re: interaction between City and County
 - a. █████ - asked where RVs parking during day
 - i. Megan - stated that, anecdotally, some RV dwellers pay to stay in lots during day
 - ii. Megan - stated that other RVs relocating to street
 - b. Participant - asked further question
 - c. █████ - asked whether on-street parking can accommodate OVs
 - i. Megan - stated that some RVs park in multiple spaces on street
 - ii. Megan - stated that City not collecting data re: where people park during day
 - iii. Lee - stated that, even though Safe Parking a City program, City in continuous contact with County - generally biweekly basis
 - iv. Lisa -stated that ACH contact with County specifically excludes RVs - County does not provide any safe parking program for oversized vehicles
 - d. █████ - asked about response from County to request
 - 1. Lee - stated Lisa, City Manager involved in meetings
 - 2. Lee - stated that conversation with County Board of Supervisors, members of County staff
 - 3. Lee - stated that, up to this point, County stated that fund AFC as means of accommodating safe parking
 - 4. Lee - stated that AFC has stated that prefer smaller vehicles
 - 5. Lisa - stated that church near where lives allowing Ovs to park there
 - 6. Lisa - stated that County staff surprised that program that though funding not happening (i.e. did not know that not funding program for Ovs)
 - a. █████ asked for clarification
 - b. Lisa - clarified
 - 7. Megan - stated that City funds AFC - City funds through Core - simply funding organization
 - 8. Lisa - clarified that County administers contract
 - e. █████ - stated that noticed that funding available for gas for RV relocation from Safe Parking to daytime locations
 - i. █████ - clarified that Santa Cruz Neighbors a 501(c)(3) organization - Santa Cruz Neighbors will administer
 - 1. █████ - stated that 6 members on board
 - 2. █████ - stated that had asked City if would like to administer fund for distribution of gas funds but City declined as too complicated
 - 3. █████ – provided additional comment
 - 4. █████ - asked whether City open to conducting outreach to participants in Tier 1, Tier 2, letting know about availability of funds being available

- a. Megan - clarified that application process not yet In place, so outreach would be premature
 - 6. Question by Lisa to [REDACTED] - if have heard any feedback re: enforcement
 - a. [REDACTED] - provided response
 - b. Carter- stated that number of citations significantly declined over time
 - . First 4 – 5 days - 100+ citations - most first-time warnings
 - 0. Carter - stated that over 50% of citations issued in first week; the remaining 7 weeks have seen issuance for other 50%
 - . Stated that decline in number of citations since first week
 - a. Carter - stated that vast majority of enforcement in first two weeks
7. [REDACTED] - asked about number of calls for service
 - a. Carter - provided data about number of calls for service 12 AM to 5 AM
 - b. Carter - stated that 58% of citations self-generated (meaning that PD had seen OV, issued warning to RV dweller)
8. [REDACTED] - stated that Westside Neighbors conducted outreach to public - more outreach needed
 - a. [REDACTED] - stated that had attempted to navigate CRSP app - suggested that button for reporting RV should be provided
 - i. Carter - stated that generally 24 to 48-hr delay between report of RV and when police received information
9. Lee - provided overview of PC hearing process
 - a. Lee - stated that flyers distributed to all RVs in the City (clarified from Megan)
 - b. Lee - provided overview of outreach conducted - online form, etc.
 - c. Lee - provided overview of duration allowed to provide comments
 - d. Lee - stated that at discretion of Chair as to how long public comment allowable
 - e. [REDACTED] - asked about time and location of PC hearing
 - f. Lee - clarified that PC authorized to make final decision on CDP
 - g. Lee - clarified that appeal to CC possible - no fee
 - h. Lee - stated that CC appeal can then be made
 - i. Lee - stated that no appeal of CCC possible
 - j. Lee - stated that intent to provide feedback to Planning Commission
 - k. Lee asked for any feedback received
 - . Lee said that intent to supplement comments, matrix
10. Lee opened meeting to comment
 - a. [REDACTED] - stated that Westside Neighbors' feedback overwhelmingly positive - 5 streets cleared
 - b. [REDACTED] - stated that have received anecdotal response - huge improvement overall
 - c. [REDACTED] - stated that will continue to pressure County to provide spaces
 - d. [REDACTED] - stated conditions have improved
 - a. [REDACTED] - stated that significant improvement in RV parkign on Delaware
 - b. [REDACTED] - stated that mobile home park residents feel safe
 - c. [REDACTED] -stated that students now park on Delaware

- l. [REDACTED] - stated that troubling that have not been study of impact to OVO on unhoused
- m. [REDACTED] - stated that only study of OVs conducted by advocate group
- n. [REDACTED] - stated that gas cost high, relocation, parking costs high
- o. [REDACTED] - stated that City should conduct systematic study of impact of OVO on unhoused community
- p. [REDACTED] - stated that on-site mental health counselor, on-site drug counselor would be helpful; after-care (checkup) important - some had found housing that did not go well with them
- q. [REDACTED] - stated that understands that significant costs associated with safe parkign program
- r. [REDACTED] - stated that Evan with Free Guide conducting outreach on own time
- s. [REDACTED] - stated that maybe outreach to Tier 2 parking participants - outreach to those participants involved
 - i. Lisa - stated time gap -8 PM to 8 AM hours; not during working hours
 - ii. Lisa - stated that have heard feedback related to connection to services; maybe outreach day once or so per month
- t. [REDACTED] - asked question about reasonable accommodation - request for reasonable accommodation through website - what qualifies as disability, who is making decision what constitutes disability
 - . [REDACTED] - stated that range of disabilities, including learning differences, drug/alcohol addiction, etc.
- a. [REDACTED] - stated that accommodations often a footnote; discrepancy between official definition of disability and recognition of such - drug abuse, mental health disorders
- b. [REDACTED] - stated that reasonable accommodation should be its own page in staff report
 - . Lee - stated that information available on website
 - i. Lee - stated that fair criticism
- c. Lisa - asked about how request for reasonable accommodation made
 - . Megan - provided response
 - i. Megan - stated that had received one request for reasonable accommodation - that did not have to participate in program as individual had handicapper license plate
 - ii. Carter - stated that potential that likely that many with disabilities do not know that options available to request
 - iii. Carter - suggested that higher prominence of reasonable accommodation helpful
 - iv. Megan - stated that two instances (?) of reasonable accommodation of which aware
 - v. Lisa - clarified that all understand that can participate in process for PC hearing tomorrow evening

11. Lisa - sated that would like to hear suggestions for program improvement

- a. [REDACTED] - stated that, at first meeting, had suggested that outreach to websites important
- b. Megan - stated that had contacted websites; response received that cannot remove
- c. [REDACTED] - asked where funding coming from? One-time, limited funds financing Safe Parking Program currently
 - i. Lisa - stated that had put in request for program from general fund
 - ii. [REDACTED] - stated that \$500 - \$600 k needed

- iii. Megan - stated that Safe Parking Program one of lower-cost programs of City in cost by household
- iv. ██████ - asked how long Coastal Permit good for
- v. Lee - stated that had reached out to Coastal Commission - would include COA that review at some point in time - perhaps five-year threshold - probably five-year review period
- vi. Lee - stated that PC hearing will include recommended COA
- vii. ██████ - asked what opportunity for extension, improvement
- viii. Lisa - stated that will look to colleagues at County level - help connect participants to County services
- ix. Lisa -stated that ack acknowledge that current program a stopgap measure
- x. Lee - stated that 24/7 program experience positive outcomes - would like to ensure ongoing improvements - perhaps, if reduce time taken to enter program and then pursue long-term housing - will lead to improvements
- xi. ██████ - stated that will continue to advocate that Evan's program to be extended into County
- xii. ██████ - stated that concern that is not known how OVO impacting vehicularly housed people - wants to be sure that comment lodged; staff acknowledged that comment would be noted
- xiii. ██████ - stated that funding for gas card to be provided from Santa Cruz Neighbors

12. Meeting conclusion