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Caroline Street Improvement Project (H12-01-1520)

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Thu, Sep 20, 2012 at 2:10 PM

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Dear Ms. Enid:

Please accept this email as my request for the HARC Commissioners to disapprove the City's agenda proposal as presented to remodel the 900, 800 and the 700 blocks of Caroline Street. I understand this proposal was approved by the Tree Commission and I agree 100% that improved landscaping is needed in this area. The part that I object to, is the elimination of parking along these three blocks. The residents and local businesses need to maintain the current on street parking.

As I understand it, the remodeling proposal being presented has not been approved by the City. In fact, at the three citizen meetings I attended, this proposal was voted against by the vast majority of the attendees. Both Mr. Weekly and Mr. Craig assured everyone that other meetings would be scheduled before any plans were finalized. It looks like this may not happen.

A few weeks ago the City took great pride in balancing the new year's budget by increasing the city wide parking rate by \$.50/hour and identifying 17-new pay parking spots. Now this current remodeling proposal calls for eliminating 37-spots on Caroline Street, which were used in calculating the income needed for the new budget.

If these spots are eliminated most locals will not park in the Bight Lot, they will park in the already crowded surrounding neighborhood streets of Elizabeth, William, Margaret and Eaton.

I thank you in advance for all of your help.

Bill O'Connor

804 Caroline Street

(ps. I urge everyone who has an interest in managing the parking and traffic along Caroline Street to contact your Commissioner and/or HARC representative)



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Mon, Sep 24, 2012 at 11:57 AM

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Hello Commissioner Weekley and City Commissioners,

I am writing in reference to the exciting design for the Caroline Street project.

I live in Railway Condos at the end of Caroline Street and I urge you to make sure any plan you approve has a bike lane on Caroline Street. I understand we may not get one on both sides (much to my dismay) but at least from Grinnell to Elizabeth. It's a heavy traffic street and area, as is Eaton Street just one block away, and the cars parked along the way are dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists. Caroline Street is used by many residents driving and cycling into town and this bike lane will make it much more safe for everyone.

It is my understanding that the City is only proposing the parking on the waterfront side to be removed so the street and sidewalk can be built to standard and a bike lane can be added. The other side parking is to remain or be Loading Zones, unless the proposal has changed since our final, noticed neighborhood meeting. I also think the groups at each meeting were split on whether parking should remain vs. realizing the need for a bike lane on this street, definitely not a "vast majority" on either side.

I have to respectfully disagree with any proposal that eliminates the bicycle lane from Caroline Street. There is a large lot that is underutilized and also a huge parking garage that sits mostly empty for visitor use. A bike lane is absolutely necessary and we have to design this with forward-thinking for the good of our city as a whole, not just for people who "like" to park on the other side of the street and are not satisfied with the spaces in front of them and their house. I realize those residents without a space on their own property may have a little trouble finding a space as close as they are use to, but the City does not owe them a spot wherever they want one. I also realize some businesses are concerned about the parking for their customers but I think with the Loading Zone/30 min parking spaces they should be fine. Otherwise, as long as it's easy for people to access the large lot in front of the old market and have a safe ramp to get from the lot to Caroline Street, I don't feel the businesses will be negatively effected. Actually, I think making the street more pedestrian and bicycle safe will slow traffic and perhaps increase their business! I do think this may need to be followed up with some parking attention on the side streets between Eaton & Caroline. Perhaps start enforcing

Residential Parking so tourists must use the pay lots provided.

We have to stop encouraging driving around in this town and this is a great place to start.

Thank you for your time and attention to this exciting project!

Julie Brown

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Caroline Street

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Mon, Sep 24, 2012 at 9:36 AM

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I am strongly opposed to the further loss of any parking spaces on Caroline Street. It seems that hardly a day goes by that the issue of parking (and lack of) in Old Town isn't in the news. We, the business owners and neighbors of this district have met several times, twice with city officials at the Ferry Terminal and it was made very clear and agreed by the majority attending that loss of parking in this neighborhood is NOT what we want to see.

Thankyou,
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Mon, Sep 24, 2012 at 1:57 PM

Dear Ms. Enid Torregrosa

Please accept this email as my request for HARC to disapprove the city's agenda proposal as presented for the work to be done on the 700 thru 900 block of Caroline Street.

I object to the elimination of on street parking along these three blocks. On street parking is of course essential to our business as it is to all the businesses affected.

I also object to the tree commissions plans to place large trees in front of our businesses thereby limiting our exposure to the street. It may be the tree commission job to plant trees but it should be the city's job to increase that exposure or at least not allow it to be diminished. And as for the bike path as presented there are better routes that have been proposed such as James and Margaret thru lazy way.

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REMODEL CAROLINE STREET

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Tue, Sep 25, 2012 at 12:30 PM

Dear Ms Enid

I response to the current proposed plan to eliminate 37 parking spaces on Caroline Street, please accept this email as a request to DISAPPROVE the plan.

While I feel it in the City of Key West best interest to "beautify", "calm down" and promote cycling and walking, I think this plan has gone to far. Parking is a massive problem in Key West already, and removing almost all the street parking from Elizabeth to Grinnell Streets will most certainly adversely effect businesses and residents in this area.

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Elimination of parking on Caroline Street

2 messages

Darryl Fohrman <darryl.fohrman@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 25, 2012 at 1:07 PM

To: ETorregr@keywestcity.com, JWEEKLEY@keywestcity.com, CCATES@keywestcity.com, DCRAIG@keywestcity.com

I would like to register my **strong objection** to the proposed removal of 37 parking spaces on Caroline Street.

I am the owner of the property at 322 Elizabeth Street, one half block from Caroline Street. I have my law office at this address as well as my personal residence.

We are extremely short of parking in this neighborhood.

The removal of any spaces will severely undermine my own ability to park my own car and my clients' and guests' ability to park theirs.

Also, I have friends and clients who are merchants on Caroline and this action would have a severe negative impact on them as well.

This situation will become aggravated in view of the development about to occur in this area, which will itself cause additional need for parking.

Further, the City will lose revenue from the lost meters.

I also think it necessary and appropriate that Theo recuse himself from any consideration of this matter in view of his clear conflict of interest.

Darryl

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Tue, Sep 25, 2012 at 1:38 PM

Dear Mr. Fohrman:

I am in receipt of your email and want you to know that it will be read during the HARC meeting as part of the records.

Hope you have a great afternoon.

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comments for HARC meeting re: Caroline St. Improvements

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Tue, Sep 25, 2012 at 2:39 PM

Dear Ms. Bennett,

Please convey my commenst to the HARC commissioners in support of the Caroline St. improvement plan. The renderings of the intended improvements, including a much needed bike path, make the streetscape so much more inviting and livable.

I understand some of the businesses are not happy about the loss of parking; however, I feel that we must start to plan our infrastructure to build the pedestrian and bike friendly neighborhoods that we desire rather than encouraging more motor vehicle traffic. The existing city garage provides provides ample parking. If more shoppers have to park there, they will have to walk a block or two to their destination, and in so doing will notice and appreciate all of the merchants much more. Or perhaps they will get on their bikes and be healthier for doing so.

Thank you.

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