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MEETING DATE July 16, 2020  
ITEM # 5. Public Comment

**Nancy Paulson**

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**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** RE: Agenda item 21A

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**Subject:** Agenda item 21A

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Greetings Mayor and Board  
For the record, Maurice White  
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This public comment is in reference to item 21A, "Downtown parking Analysis". Please read this email verbatim and include all attached files in the record for this meeting of the Board of Supervisors on July 16, 2020.

I am happy to hear that parking in the Downtown corridor is "sufficient". I am also happy to read that the "Final Report" mentions illegal parking on page 8 (page 18 of the staff report). This illegal parking is also pointed out as red marks on the various color coded maps in the report.

Considering the rampant display of disregard for the authority of Carson City I wonder why staff or the contractor did not make stronger comments about the illegal parking.

While reviewing the color coded maps on pages 22, 30, and 63 I notice what appears to be a high disregard for parking regulations in these areas. The May map shows 83 blocks available for parking with 17 blocks over capacity due to illegal parking. The September map shows 82 blocks available for parking with 15 blocks over capacity due to illegal parking. Me thinks this suggests that an increase in parking enforcement is needed. It is my opinion folks take liberties while parking downtown because they know there is no parking enforcement.

To help fill in some of the blanks I have included here 9 photos depicting the liberties folks take while parking downtown. These 9 are just a small portion of the photos I have depicting such action. I travel the downtown corridor at all times of the day and night rarely observing a time that there are no illegally parked vehicles. I want to remind you that during the downtown project discussions the plan was to provide just two parking spots in each parking area. These parking areas are indeed marked in a manner providing just two parking stalls.

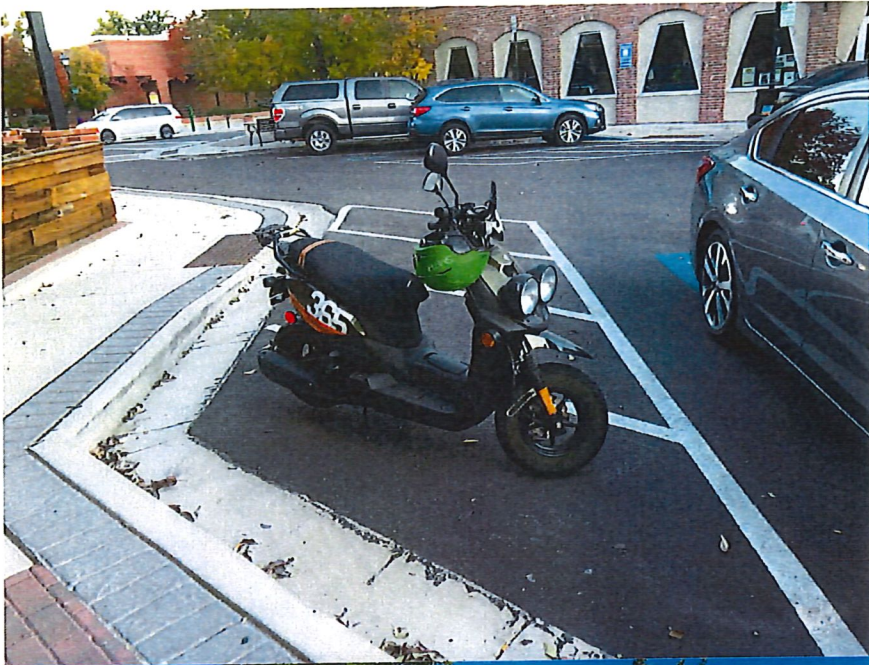
I wish to bring to your attention another very prevalent form of downtown code violation. That of sidewalk obstruction. Following the parking photos are two photos (again just a small portion of photos I have) showing sidewalk obstructions. I do not believe the taxpayers of Carson City intended to provide businesses with concrete for which they would use in a manner obstructing pedestrian use. I remember during the downtown project meetings staff insured the public "We" would have ample sidewalks for couples to walk hand in hand. Couples cannot today in many parts of downtown walk hand in hand. It is simply unacceptable that pedestrians would have to leave the sidewalk to continue their journey. Again I believe folks take these liberties because they know there is no enforcement.

Thank you for your attention in these matters.













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Hello - First, I wanted to thank all of you for the work you are doing during this unprecedented time. I know you are all keeping Carson City's best interest in mind as you make decisions to navigate the changes imposed on all of us by the COVID-19 pandemic.

My comments today are from my perspective as a restaurant owner. Right now, I am grateful that it is Summer and that the warm weather has provided my restaurant with an opportunity to increase my seating capacity by offering outdoor seating. I have submitted my encroachment permit through Public Works, and I had a few ideas that I wanted to present to you.

Now is the time to afford businesses every opportunity to increase their revenue. Several of my revenue streams, such as catered events and parties, both inside and outside of the restaurant, are no longer available to me since literally all events have been canceled. Everything that you read about restaurants operating on razor-thin margins is true. As Owner of Gather, I have tried to stay innovative and adapt to the rapidly changing market conditions. However, we went from being a full-service dine-in restaurant to a takeout restaurant literally overnight. As of now, our dining room has re-opened, but we are still restricted to seating customers at 50% capacity. This reduced seating capacity, in addition to lost revenue from canceled catering events, has contributed to our overall lost revenue, which I am hoping to make up to some extent by offering outdoor dining. However, with the current code restrictions in place, I can really only place an additional 3 tables outside my restaurant. However, if I were able to utilize more of the sidewalk space, such as the roundabout space on the corner of Carson & Telegraph next to the built-in planter bench, I could fit at least 2 additional tables there. I could fit another 2 tables next to the planters immediately outside Gather on the Carson Street side. However, some current code restrictions would need to be temporarily relaxed in order for me to add these additional 4 tables.

Outdoor seating is what Governor Sisolak is advocating for right now, and it is spelled out in his most recent Proclamation. In addition, customers want it and choose restaurants that have outdoor seating over those that don't. Please level this playing field by allowing restaurants that have not in the past offered outdoor seating a better opportunity to do so.

Parking is also an issue at Carson/Telegraph, and what would help my business is to allow me a 10 minute parking area, so that my takeout customers could more easily drive up, get their takeout order, and leave. Parking is at a premium on my block, and on busier nights, my takeout customers frequently have to park a block or two away and walk over to Gather to pickup their order. Unfortunately, Carson residents greatly dislike parking inconveniences, and for some customers, the parking inconvenience alone is enough to discourage them from ordering at Gather. This 10 minute parking area would be temporary and could be designated with an A-board sign. Currently, there are no businesses on



the Carson Street side of my block between Cactus Jacks and Gather. Therefore, if I were allowed to put a 10 minute parking sign in the spots in front of Gather on Carson Street, I would not be interfering with the parking opportunities of any other business. Also, this 10 minute parking does not have to be designated for Gather only, but could be available to anyone. This may be an idea that would work for more businesses as well, particularly in the downtown core.

We cannot predict when Nevada will progress to Phases 2 and 3 (I feel like we have backtracked halfway back to Phase 1) on the Roadmap to Recovery, and as the weather cools, restaurants will lose the opportunity to seat customers outside. Businesses need to have the ability to make as much money as possible now, so that we have some financial buffer for Winter. Any code restrictions on parking, signage, or outdoor seating that could be relaxed on a temporary basis to encourage more customers to come downtown, would be welcomed. The more sales each business conducts, the more sales tax that comes into Carson City. I also continue to provide employment for 7 people (down from my pre-COVID employment of 11 people). Please help me keep my business viable and stay open during this unprecedented time. Thank you.

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