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Carmel-by-the-Sea

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Fwd: House numbers

Chip Rerig <crerig@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 2:29 PM

To: Nova Romero <nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Brandon Swanson <bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Emily Garay <egaray@ci.carmel.ca.us>

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City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
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Date: Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 2:22 PM

Subject: House numbers

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From: **Betty Maurutto** [REDACTED] >

Date: Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 6:55 AM

Subject: Support Addresses in CBTS

To: Bobby Richards <brichards@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Alissandra Dramov <renewcarmel@outlook.com>, Karen Ferlito <kferlito@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Dave Potter <dpotter@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Brandon Swanson <bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Brian Pierik <bpierik@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Emily Garay <egaray@ci.carmel.ca.us>, <jeff@carmel2022.com>, Chip Rerig <cererig@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Kimberly Shapiro [REDACTED] >

Cc: Jana Schilling <[REDACTED]> Kimberly Shapiro

[REDACTED], Michael Maurutto [REDACTED]

Subject: Support Addresses in CBTS

Dear Council and City Officials,

I hope that the Council does not succumb to pressure one more time. You have done an amazing job of researching and know that our post office will not close. Obviously, the people opposing addresses have not listened to the facts! Addresses will not change the unique and quaint character of our village! You have had community input. Finally, a Council vote was taken to move forward!! Please, succumbing to pressure is not how a competent council functions.

Street Addresses are critically necessary for

- recognized physical address required for critical things in the computerized age, ie. Medical ins, credit cards, etc**
- consistent addresses for utility companies**
- time saved service providers looking for right house**
- emergency vehicles**
- accurate deliveries**
- etc, etc etc**

STREET ADDRESSES NECESSARY TO LIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY !

Move on and fight on!!

Thanks for your persistence and perseverance!

Betty and Michael Maurutto

[REDACTED]

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From: **Jana Schilling** [REDACTED] >

Date: Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 5:03 PM

Subject: New Carmel Street Addresses

To: Bobby Richards <brichards@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Alissandra Dramov <renewcarmel@outlook.com>, Karen Ferlito <kferlito@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Dave Potter <dpotter@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Brandon Swanson <bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Brian Pierik <bpierik@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Emily Garay <egaray@ci.carmel.ca.us>, <jbaron@ci.carmel.ca.us>, <crerig@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Dear Carmel Mayor and City Council,

Street Addresses are a long overdue necessity in Carmel.

This issue can not be confused with mail delivery; this is about NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STREET ADDRESSES.

Once again, I just spent an hour on the phone explaining why I do not have a physical address that the credit card company will recognize. Many financial institutions simply conclude that one is homeless if they can not show a physical address. We have had **credit cards lost** in delivery more than once because of Carmel's difficult street addresses.

I almost had my **medical insurance denied** because their computer did not accept our “charming” address.

Utility companies have problems with our addresses often times creating their own numbers for a given property. We personally have 3 different addresses with 3 different major utility companies for the same property !

Time and tempers are lost because of service people not finding correct client addresses. Residents often have to wait curbside to wave down local deliveries, service providers, or just guests.

Residents stuck in the distant past can NOT continue blocking this basic need based on “charm”.

CARMEL MUST GET INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, PLEASE !

Sincerely,

Jana and Don Schilling

[REDACTED]
Carmel by the Sea, CA

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Evan Kort, Project Planner
Carmel by the Sea City Council

ekort@ci.carmel.ca.us

Re: PERM EN 240031 (Das)

Ladies and Gentlemen;

We are owners of a house on Sterling Way across from the property that is the subject of the above proposed action.

It is our understanding that the City requires the removal of an existing stone retaining wall that is currently in the City's right of way, which will be replaced with an asphalt berm. We respectfully request that the City reconsider this requirement. The stone wall is an attractive enhancement to the neighborhood and is certainly more desirable from an esthetic position than a simple asphalt berm. Moreover, removing the beautiful stone wall and discarding it in a landfill is wasteful and very environmentally unfriendly.

The requirement to remove the wall is especially surprising in light of the fact that using real stone as a building material in remodels or new construction is, as we understand it, generally looked upon favorably by the City.

While we appreciate the tight architectural controls that are a hallmark of Carmel by the Sea and believe that such controls enable the village to retain its beloved character, we also think that destroying a beautiful stone wall that enhances our neighborhood is not an action that is in keeping with the spirit of the community. We also worry that the removal of the wall will inadvertently damage a large existing oak tree adjacent to the wall. The wall has been in place for many decades and there is no good reason for its removal at this time.

We understand the City's concern about allowing an encroachment in the City's right of way. But that can be easily handled by an appropriately drafted encroachment permit that indemnifies the City, requires evidence of reasonable insurance, and requires the applicant to remove the encroachment at the applicant's sole cost and expense upon request by the City. The permit would be recorded against the property, thereby binding all future owners. This is a practice followed by many other cities in California and there is no reason why the City can't do the same.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

MATT & SHERI SAYRE

[Redacted signature]

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[Redacted signature]

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Nova Romero <nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us>

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Brown Act Violation

Mike McWalters [redacted]

Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 11:16 PM

To: bpierik@ci.carmel.ca.us

Cc: dpotter@ci.carmel.ca.us, brichards@ci.carmel.ca.us, jbaron@ci.carmel.ca.us, Karen Ferlito <kferlito@ci.carmel.ca.us>, adramov@ci.carmel.ca.us

Nova, Please include this in "Public Correspondence" for Tuesday's City Council meeting. Thank you

Hello City Attorney Pierik,

The Brown Act violation, in my opinion, took place during a discussion of street addresses at the Carmel by the Sea City Council meeting on July 9, 2024.

The Staff Report subject is "Receive a presentation on the exploration of street addresses, to be discussed, & provide staff with direction." According to Brown Act section 54954.2: Agenda Requirements: Regular Meeting, please scroll to page 59 of the Brown Act, top paragraph that begins with "Furthermore, a member of a legislative body or the body itself may provide a reference to staff for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

"b...the legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under any of the conditions posted below."

- 1)"Emergency situation exists..."
- 2) "a unanimous vote that there is a need to take immediate action
- 3)"the item was posted pursuant to subdivision..."

When Councilmember Ferlito told you to rewrite the ordinance for street addresses, she violated this section of the Brown Act.

The notice to the public in the agenda for the July 9, 2024 City Council meeting (which is a document legally binding on the City) says that the City would "receive a presentation on the exploration of street addresses, to be discussed, & provide staff with direction."

In this case, there was never any notice that the City Council would be taking specific action on street addresses & no notice that there would be a rewriting of the street addresses ordinance.

Please scroll to Brown Act 54960.1 titled "Violation of Act: Actions Declared Null & Void".

At the very least, the punishment for violating section 54954.2 of the Brown Act, in my opinion, is the entire street addresses discussion & the vote by the City Council on street addresses should be voided & struck from the record.

Michael McWalters,
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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Alternative Street Addresses

Mike McWalters <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Aug 2, 2024 at 12:45 AM

To: dpotter@ci.carmel.ca.us, brichards@ci.carmel.ca.us, jbaron@ci.carmel.ca.us, Karen Ferlito <kferlito@ci.carmel.ca.us>, adramov@ci.carmel.ca.us

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Hello Mayor Potter, Mayor ProTem Richards, Councilmembers Baron, Ferlito & Dramov
The discussion of street addresses needs to start over.

According to the July 9, 2024 Staff Report titled ""Receive a presentation on the exploration of street addresses, to be discussed, & provide staff with direction", there are 2 alternatives to street addresses we should be implementing before anymore discussion of conventional street addresses takes place.

In "Attachment 6) Questions from City Council & Community Members" please scroll to page 2 of 4, #7. "What about Google Plus Codes? "Plus Codes are like street addresses for people or places that don't have one. Instead of addresses with street names & numbers, Plus Codes are based on latitude & longitude & displayed as numbers & letters. With a Plus Code, people can receive deliveries, access emergency & social services or just help other people find them." "Staff found that the system & the app is available to approved organizations that "have the authority & resources to successfully deliver scaled addresses programs in their area & that their is a clear addressing need that can benefit from Plus Codes." That's us.

"In order to access Plus Codes Address Maker function as a governmental organization, CBTS has to request access by filling out an application that is reviewed based on the information provided & our Plus Coded Address Maker capacity to take on additional partners into this program. Staff recommends discussion & community engagement before submitting any application for the Plus Codes Address Maker as an organization."

Let's have that discussion!

Please now scroll to page 4 to "What3Words". What3Words is an "app that uses a system that converts GPS coordinates into 3 word addresses. Staff downloaded the app & used the built in map service to locate City Hall for an example of a 3 word address. The app works as a navigation tool.

My last street address alternative is the Apple Map Dropped Pin. We use this app for our house on [REDACTED]. Our Carmel by the Sea Apple Map Dropped Pin address is [REDACTED], Carmel CA 93923, United States. My wife Jeanne uses this for giving directions & as a locator for deliveries, workmen & friends who are visiting for the first time. These 3 address alternatives are worth pursuing before we have anymore discussion on conventional street addresses. Besides, conventional street addresses for our village should be decided at the ballot box, not by 3 Councilmembers who have not done their homework. At the July 9 meeting, there was no discussion by you of the 2 alternatives to conventional street addresses mentioned in the Staff Report.

How Come?

By the way, if 2 surveys can be done for the Forest Hill Park pickle ball courts, at the very least a "street address" survey should have already been done.

Why didn't you do a "street address" survey?

Michael McWalters, [REDACTED]

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Rochelle Mapes

August 6, 2024

Subject: Demand to Cure and Correct Brown Act Violation

Dear Mayor Potter, Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Richards, Council Members Alissandra Dramov, Karen Ferlito, and Jeff Baron,

I am writing to formally notify you of a violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) that occurred on July 9, 2024, during the city council meeting where *street addresses* was one of eight topics. Specifically, the agenda was written: “Receive a presentation on the exploration of street addresses to be discussed and provide staff with direction.” This sentence failed to indicate that any motion would be made to materially amend one of our existing laws, a law that has played a crucial role in shaping our village since its inception. Notice to the public in the form of an agenda from a city council is a legally binding document. The citizens of Carmel would have had to have been clairvoyant or would have needed substantial collateral information to know that such a motion would be made to our City Ordinance, 505.1. Agenda items must give enough information to permit a person to make an informed decision about whether they need to attend or participate in a discussion on an issue. The agenda item as written is insufficient to rise to the level of providing this kind of actionable notice to the citizens of Carmel. In addition to this motion, Karen Ferlito told the citizenry, “Community outreach is done.”

To be specific, Karen Ferlito’s motion: “The staff is to return with an implementation plan for assigning street numbers throughout the city and bringing our Municipal Code into conformity with the Fire code and the Building Code no later than Sept 20, 24th” A few minutes later she instructed, “And to strike the current Municipal Code for Directional Addresses.” Two distinct changes were given: the instruction to assign all houses a street address, and striking the existing “Directional Addresses” from the code, which are Fire Code acceptable under certain conditions. This illegal motion passed 3/2. Yes: Baron, Ferlito, Richards. Dissent: Mayor Potter, Alissandra Dramov.

Under Government Code Section 54960.1, I demand that the city council of Carmel-by-the-Sea cure and correct this violation by voting to null and void this motion, striking it from the record, and this includes our City Attorney refrain from making any changes to our City Ordinance 505.1.

Please respond to this demand within 30 days of receipt of this letter, as required by the Brown Act. Failure to cure and correct this violation may result in legal action to void the action taken in violation of the Act.

If you do not believe that one of our laws has been changed, please read the Los Angeles Times, the New York Post and listen to BBC where the entire world has been informed that we citizens voted to have street addresses.

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Sincerely,

Lindamaine Rosier

Address

Email

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Kathy Gordon

Address

Email

August 6, 2024

[Redacted address and email information]

Carmel By the Sea CA 93921

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[Redacted address and contact information]

Address

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93921

Karyl Hall

August 6, 2024

Carol and Don Hilburn

[REDACTED]
Carmel, CA 93921
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City of Carmel-By-The-Sea

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Office of the City Clerk

Delivered for
August 6, 2024 *City Council Meeting*

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Sincerely,

Carol and Don Hilburn



Carmel by the Sea, California

AUG 05 2024

Your name here RANDALL E. MORRIS Office of the City Clerk
 Address [Redacted]
 Email [Redacted] Phone [Redacted]
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[Redacted Signature]

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Your name here Kay G Morris

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Address [REDACTED]

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City of Carmel-By-The-Sea

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Office of the City Clerk

DAVID O'NEIL

August 3, 2024


Irish Rose Cottage
Carmel by the Sea
California, 93921

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United States

Dear Mayor Potter and Council Members,

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As a result, I am formally notifying you of a violation of the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), specifically concerning the insufficient description on the agenda.

In accordance with Government Code Section 54960.1, I hereby insist that the City Council remove the motion from the record and refrain from making alterations to City Ordinance 505.1 without proper public notice and input. The residents demand their voices be heard, and suggest we consider a general vote to change the ordinance.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,



David O'Neil



Carmel-by-the-Sea

Nova Romero <nromero@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Fwd: House Numbers

1 message

'Marcia Nagel' via cityclerk <cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us>
Reply-To: Marcia Nagel <[redacted]>
To: cityclerk@ci.carmel.ca.us

Sat, Aug 3, 2024 at 4:59 PM

Karen Ferlito asked me to send this email to you and have it included in the public record.
My thanks!

Marcia

Marcia & John Nagel
[redacted]
Carmel, CA. 93921

City of Carmel-By-The-Sea

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Office of the City Clerk

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marcia Nagel <[redacted]>
Subject: House Numbers
Date: August 3, 2024 at 1:50:41 PM PDT
To: Jbaron@ci.carmel.ca.us, kferlito@ci.carmel.ca.us, renewcarmel@outlook.com, brichards@ci.carmel.ca.us, dpotter@ci.carmel.ca.us, Rerig Chip <crerig@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Laurie Jermel <jlaurie@ci.carmel.ca.us>, bswanson@ci.carmel.ca.us
Cc: Barbara Hardy <[redacted]>, Schilling Jana & Don <[redacted]>, Schilling Jana & Don <[redacted]>, Hardy Chris <[redacted]>, Masguelier Jenny & Don <[redacted]>, Kullas Betty <[redacted]>, Nagel John <[redacted]>

City Leaders ...

Regarding 'House Numbers:'

If we understand the issue correctly, our neighbors who are 'against' having house numbers have two reasons that they feel it would negatively impact our village:

1. It will take away from the 'charm' of our village to have numbered addresses attached to our homes.
2. It will ultimately result in the closing of our local post office, and the pleasant task of going daily to pick up our mail.

As for the first one ... are we saying that 4-6 digit number attached to a cottage, will take away from the charm of our village? Many residents already have some type of identification sign on their homes (such as ... Monte Verde 6SE of 10th) ... and wonderful, whimsical and charming 'cottage name' signs are all over Carmel ... and no one objects to those. Knowing our wonderfully talented village residents, I am sure that a standard design (if required) could be done tastefully and artistically, and should not have any impact on the 'charm' of our village.

Personally, I would never want to stop another neighbor from BEING (and feeling) 'safe' by allowing them to post a small house number sign on their home so it can be identified easily and quickly. That is especially true when there is an emergency (which we certainly have had many times in our neighborhood).

As for the second issue of the closing of the post office ... the City has assured us, that is a separate issue. I am not sure how one gets from the issue of 'assigning a house number' to the issue of 'closing of the Post Office,' because it is a 'federal,' not 'local' entity. And as reported in The Pine Cone on 7/12/24, Carmel's US Post Office is under the 'authority' of the federal government, not the City Leaders of Carmel-by-the-Sea. We understand that the US Postal Service will assign the addresses, but that does not necessarily mean the Federal Government is going to go to the expense involved in closing the Carmel Post Office and implementing the daily delivering of the mail to all our residents.

We, as local homeowners of 22 years (fulltime 12 years) totally support the assignment of some type of house numbering system ... as we too, along with numerous others, have been more than impacted by the lack of readily identifiable addresses. And ... we do not think it has any impact on the charm of our wonderful village. But it does have considerable impact on the safety and convenience of all our village residents, and that must take priority.

Sent with respect ...

Marcia & John Nagel

FROM THE DESK OF

WILLIAM O'NEIL

August 3, 2024

City of Carmel-By-The-Sea

AUG 05 2024

Office of the City Clerk

Mayor Potter & Council Members
C/O City Clerk
Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall
P.O. Box CC
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

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To finalize the decision, Council Member Karen Ferlito claimed, "Community outreach is done," thereby limiting further public input.

I am formally notifying you of this Brown Act violation (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), where a motion was passed to assign street numbers to all houses and eliminate Directional Addresses without sufficient description on the agenda. This violates the Brown Act's requirements for transparency.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54960.1, I demand the City Council nullify and expunge the motion from the record and refrain from altering City Ordinance 505.1.

Thank you for your immediate attention.

Regards,



William O'Neil

CONTACT