

**CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM: Beach access parking – 10th and 18th streets

SUBMITTED BY: Kevin Hogencamp, Deputy City Manager

TODAY'S DATE: December 5, 2018

MEETING DATE: December 10, 2018

THE ISSUES: **10th Street**

Staff and the Parking and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Resource Committee (PPSARC) have reviewed safety issues in this area. Recommended alterations include:

1. Adding two ADA parking spaces in the area nearest to the beach or just east of the other public spaces (and west of the Island Condo spaces).
2. Move the public parking spots closest to the stop sign. This will allow those stopped at the sign ample view to determine if a public spot is available.
3. Slide the residential spots closer to the beach. This will reduce the number of vehicles maneuvering on 10th Street trying to locate a parking spot.
4. Recommend straight parking as opposed to angled parking.
5. Install clear signage identifying where public parking is allowed

The PPSARC also recommends cutting back landscaping so scooter parking is easier to access, along with reviewing line of sight and access of the Cloister condominiums gate.

18th Street

The challenges associated with the 18th Street beach access parking area are well-documented and have been extensively reviewed by the PPSARC, which recommends a new parking configuration.

Staff has identified two challenges associated with the proposed reconfiguration: Potential loss of public parking spaces at the beach access, or relocation of parking spaces; and the addition of parallel parking on the north side of the street.

Meanwhile, as a result of neighboring residents' input, staff has reduced the parking lot hours; assigned a police officer to work in the area during peak times; and advanced a PPSARC pedestrian-safety enhancement recommendation by relocating the 18th Street sand shower from the parking area to the dune walkover. Also, a pay-for-parking program is on the horizon.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is seeking the Commission's direction on both topics.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Staff's 10th Street presentation at the Dec. 3, 2018 Commission meeting
- 18th Street parking configuration examples
- Oct. 25 correspondence from coastal consultant Kevin Bodge of Olsen Associates pertaining to state cost-share eligibility of Duval County beach renourishment funding
- Atlantic Beach Police Department report on calls for service

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER: _____