

## Heather Finnell

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**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 5:50 PM  
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**Cc:** holden@atthebeachnc.com; Heather Finnell  
**Subject:** Feedback on proposed paved parking lots

**To:** The Board of Commissioners, Holden Beach, N.C.

**Re:** Proposed Parking Lots

Jak Smyrl, my late husband, purchased property on Holden Beach just after WWII. This was his favorite place on the planet. He would turn-over in his grave to see what has been proposed for Holden Beach, to have parking lots with the inevitable unsightly Port-a-Lets all up and down Ocean Blvd. in the residential areas of this pristine island.

Jak would welcome day visitors to enjoy the God given ocean and beach, but not at the expense of spoiling the special residential nature of the island. Don't you think we can do better than that?

**Suggestion:** Purchase the fishing pier and surrounding properties, including the campground. Designate this existing commercial area as a "Public Beach." Add public restrooms to the pier, install parking meters in the new - unpaved - parking lot. Most other beaches already have parking meters, which would help defray the cost involved.

**Suggestion:** Purchase land on the Causeway or mainland for a parking lot. Do not pave it as we already have too much water runoff polluting our waters. Other beaches charge for public parking. Install parking meters. Purchase trams to transport visitors and their ice chests, umbrellas, etc. to the public beach and back for a fee. This could generate jobs for retirees and college students during the summer. Build public restrooms in this mainland area also.

Homeowners who generate the bulk of income to the Town through rentals and taxes should NOT have to pay for public parking lots in their residential areas. Do not kill the goose that lays the golden eggs!

Sincerely,

**Betty Smyrl**  
**The Barnacle**

325 Ocean Blvd. West

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**From:** Rick Boyd <rboyd@reedychemicalfoam.com>  
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**Subject:** Free public parking lots in the 300, 700 and 800 blocks of Ocean Blvd West

Alan,

This is Rick Boyd and we have known each other our whole lives. My sister worked for you at the "Old Pavilion" and I worked for your brother Lynn. We have all enjoyed Holden Beach for decades because your family protected it from being over run commercially. The height of the homes, the limited public parking and minimal commercial business is what has created one of the "**Best American Family Beaches**" in the United States. Please stop this proposed public parking and continue to protect what your family worked so hard to create.

Thank you for your time and attention on getting this resolved.

Best Regards,

Rick Boyd  
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**Subject:** New Parking Lots

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback about the proposed public parking lots.

I am one of the owners of 793 OBW. My parents bought the cottage in 1970, and our family has enjoyed coming to Holden Beach for the past 50 years.

I have a variety of concerns about expanding public parking, including:

- the negative impact on property values—especially to the houses in our area that have already been impacted by the location chosen for the sewage “facility”
- increased security risks and use of private walkways and water/showers when the cottage is unoccupied
- placement of a parking lot in an area that already has condos will create unnecessary congestion on the beach
- negative impact on turtle nests
- increased trash and water pollution on the low-lying areas around the parking spaces

Thank you for the opportunity to share these concerns.

Mary Willcox Betts