

STAFF REPORT – PLANNING

CITY OF TEMECULA OLD TOWN LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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LONG RANGE PLANNING PROJECT NUMBER LR22-1112 Old Town Parklets

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APPLICATION INFORMATION:

APPLICANT: City of Temecula

PROPOSAL: Old Town Parklets

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 Pandemic and mitigation efforts (social distancing, work from home requirements, etc.) created an unprecedented environment for businesses within the City and unmitigated could have caused irreparable harm to these businesses. During the Spring of 2020, the City Council proactively implemented the Temporary Expanded Dining/Retail Program or “TED” which authorized businesses to provide outdoor sales, dining, and other services. The program was a resounding success and all businesses who participated in TED survived and, in some cases, thrived as Temecula was one of the first in the region to implement such a program. Due to the success of the program, the City and local businesses desired to make the program permanent. However, several barriers to making the program permanent arose, including loss of parking; ADA requirements; outside agency fees; truck deliveries; etc. Due to potential hurdles and City Council decision, the program ended when the license agreements expired on July 1, 2021.

After the TED program ended, Staff was directed to explore parklets as an option to provide areas to rest, observe, dine, interact, and keep the streets active in Old Town. Staff will provide a brief presentation and overview about the status of the program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending the Old Town Local Advisory Committee receive and file the presentation and overview about the status of the Old Town Parklet program.