

Meeting Minutes
Farmington Parking Advisory Committee
March 17, 2021

Attendees

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Agenda

1. Roll call - 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the agenda

Taylor made a motion to approve. Crutcher supported. All were in favor. Approved

3. Approval of the January 20, 2021 Parking Advisory Committee Minutes

Halas made motion to approve. Taylor Supported. All were in favor. Approved

4. Public Safety Update

Director Warthman shared his report. The amount of violations were consistent with the prior month. However, there were more violations for the unauthorized use of disability parking spaces. The complete report is on file in the office of public safety.

Director Warthman asked if the parking enforcement officer had been invited to prior meetings. Mantey noted that he had not and suggested that he be invited to the next meeting. Director Wathman agreed. The committee collectively agreed this would be a good idea.

5. Additional way-finding signage
a. DDA Merchant Call

Halas provided an update that DDA staff will allocate time during the weekly merchant calls to discuss parking. Merchants will be reminded to apprise both existing and new employees of designated employee parking areas.

Halas also provided an update that the DDA promotions committee is updating the permanent kiosks downtown. Part of the display space will be allocated to feature a

new map of parking areas.

6. Updated Parking Map -

Gallagher apprised the committee that she was able to review parking maps from various sources including the maps used for the Farmer's Market, the historical committee, as well as maps used on the website. She will provide this information to DDA staff to assist with the design of a new map.

The conversation on this topic led to the topic of sharing the new parking information.

Crutcher suggested sharing parking map each time a ticket is issued.

Taylor suggested investigating the use of a QR code to access the map.

7. Frequency of meetings

Mantey noted that given the lighter volume of parking downtown that parking committee meetings could be less frequent.

Crutcher suggested that colder months such as January and February could be missed as a result of low parking volumes.

Taylor suggested keeping the meetings every month. But, that the committee chair continue to use discretion to cancel if a meeting is not needed.

8. Time-limited parking and the social district.

Taylor read two letters from people who had received tickets.

Director Wharthman noted that parking is currently only enforced three nights per week and that the enforcement period ends at 9 p.m.

Crutcher noted that it is unlikely that the tickets are issued during the evening hours when the social district is most used.

Conversation drifted off this topic to a discussion of possible 'experimental' areas where parking meters could be introduced.

Taylor suggested that perhaps an experimental area could be in one of the private lots downtown such as the lot belonging to The Village Shoe Inn.

9. Future items for discussion

Committee agreed that future items were discussed while considering the prior agenda item.

10. Public comment

No comment

11. Committee Comments

Gallagher and/or Taylor will discuss the the use of a QR code with the DDA director.

Gallagher and/or Taylor will review existing parking signage and make recommendations for potential updates.

Murphy stated that he would look into the possibility to gauge interest for a paid parking experimental area within a private lot.

12. Adjournment 8:26 p.m.