

Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 11/18/15

Respectively Submitted - Greg Cowley

1. Call to order - 7:00

2. Roll Call - All Committee members present

3. Approval Minutes - Greg moved approval - Joe support

4. Public Comment - none

5. Signage installation:

- press coverage on Patch & O&E (completed), Main Street Messenger 2 page article distributed to 22,000 local households, DDA to map out a communication plan

- parking sign install was completed by DPW (need confirmation from Frank), except for 17 spaces in the N lot - (along the wall) this is still an issue to discuss and move back to Council - 1. These spots were NOT included in the first traffic control order enacted by Council? 2. These spots are primarily used by employees during the day shift 6-8 hrs/day. 3. Council requested camera proof of usage (underway). These 17 spots (23%) of available 75 in the N lot are the only carve out from policy enacted by Council our intention was to move ALL employees to remote lots - this motion to Council needs discussion AGAIN !

6. Acceptance of Dwayne Hayes resignation from Parking Committee - time constraints cited - Council approved Todd Huffman to fill Dwayne's seat - he will join us in January (Welcome Todd).

7. Town Hall - Feedback sessions - the Parking Committee is in general agreement that business & resident feedback should be gathered - some feel that this is not as productive until after Fresh Thyme opens in the spring ? Further discussion is on the January meeting agenda - offer some thoughts.

8. Library lot participation in 3 hr limit - feeling from management was that they will decline to participate and watch the results around their location.

9. Sub Committee Updates :

- Public to Private conversion - the following 8 private lots offer some assistance with the capacity issue today:

- CVS - allows employee parking in their lot from Farmington road businesses - NO formal agreement will be approved by HQ mgt, but local management is flexible.

- Shoe store approved local employee parking along the building wall in the N lot

- Judge Asset management - allows client parking during off hours

- Heaney Sunquist - allows N lot employees to utilize their lot when they have no need - email communication
- Clappison Insurance - allows downtown parking after hours - mostly Civic patrons
- Talmer Bank - allows after hours parking
- Salem Church - contact will engage in discussion for usage on Oakland Street (NEW)
- TJ Max - allows employee parking along the S wall
- Further discussion on potential targets for purchase/conversion - Castle Dental (Farmington Road) to assist with Fresh Thyme. 2/3 homes behind Los Tres (already zoned parking).
 - Parking \$ - Annette will discuss the growth metrics used for Walker and the Master Plan in January to acquaint the Committee with concepts for future parking needs. City Council is requesting the Committee establish a deck strat plan with finance options prior to their budget planning sessions (March/April) for the next fiscal 16/17 year. (Allocate some time on the February meeting Agenda and gather the experts to discuss).
 - Enforcement - ongoing - Public Safety is having an impact.

10. - Committee Comment;

- Cowley - snow plow attention to the remote untimed lots during the winter will assist employee remote parking during the winter months. Feedback from N lot businesses is that enforcement in the N lot has opened up spaces for customers (Eye Spy, Clothes Encounters, Korner Barbers, Legato, John Cowley & Sons)
- Some discussion to travel- meet with Cities who have build decks - Rochester ? Royal Oak?
- Continued support for lighting improvements in remote parking lots

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting January 20, 2016 at 7pm - City Council Meeting Room