

**PARKING MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013, 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gerald Franciosa
William Morse
Bruce Gimmy
Diane Franco
Herman Stevens
Brian Rosen
Margie Walden

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alan Kornblau
John Gergen

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Aronson, Parking Management Specialist

STAFF ABSENT:

None

GUESTS/OTHERS:

Mitchell Katz
Alson Jacquet, City Commissioner
Randal Krejcarek, City Engineer

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mr. Bruce Gimmy, at 5:33 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Franco asked that new business be heard prior to old business.

Mr. Franciosa made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Morse. Said motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Franciosa made a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2013, seconded by Mr. Morse. Said motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

V. COMMENTS BY CITIZENS: (non-agenda items)

Mr. Katz suggested that a resident parking permit be implemented.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Parking Study Update and Implementation Review for City Commission

Mr. Aronson advised that the first page of items has been completed. The beach parking permit fees were increased two years ago. Crossings at FEC railroads will be ADA compliant. Truncated domes will be installed. Kimberly Horn is reviewing the issue of moving the controller cabinet out of the sidewalk at the intersection of South Swinton Avenue and Southeast 1st Street. The money provided for the re-nourishment program provides parking to everyone on an equal basis. Hence, there is no resident discounted program for the beach. Mr. Aronson does not feel that extending the beach parking permit two hours will be beneficial. The merchants depend on the turnover in the daytime. Regarding the parking code, there were no changes made to the standard of one per 300 square feet net floor area two blocks north and south of Atlantic Avenue. Bicycle parking is being looked at. Bike racks will be installed in isolated areas. The circular design creates a problem with the straight cross walks. Something feasible is needed that will work with the decorative brick patterns that have been established at the intersections.

Mr. Krejcarek stated that staff will be proposing a project in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to handle the truncated domes at the intersections.

Mr. Aronson stated that he has spoken to the Community Redevelopment Agency regarding funding for furtherance of the parking program. A request for two hundred undedicated spaces within the parking garage was made. He went on to mention pedestrian push button signals on Federal Highway, maintaining a 2% cross slope at driveways and relocation of crosswalks so that they are not within the curb ramps. He also spoke about improving the sidewalks between Bankers Row Lot and Atlantic Avenue which is proposed in the CIP and improving pedestrian lighting along the pathways between Atlantic Avenue and the Old School Square Garage.

Ms. Franco asked if there has been discussion of placing mirrors in the parking garage so that cars can be seen as they turn the corner.

Mr. Aronson stated that it was not a part of the recommendation. However, it will be considered.

Mr. Gimmy suggested using dummy cameras.

Mr. Aronson stated that it is not wise to utilize dummy cameras as it is false security.

Ms. Walden asked about the number of cars in the parking garage by month.

Mr. Aronson estimated approximately seventy cars in the mornings during the week, ninety at lunchtime and forty mid-afternoons in the Old School Square Parking Garage. He estimated that 1,000 thousand cars are parking over the weekend in Old School Square Garage.

Ms. Walden asked about parking in the Federspiel Parking Garage.

Mr. Aronson advised that approximately 300 cars are parked over the weekend in the Federspiel Parking Garage. He noted that he would have to get definitive numbers.

There was discussion about the automation of the parking garages. Signage was also discussed.

Mr. Walden asked about the courthouse parking lot.

Mr. Aronson stated that the cost for the courthouse garage is \$55,000.00 a year and is not available until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is not beneficial for employee parking. The lot can be leased but there would be staffing costs.

Board members and staff spoke about the metering of the Old School Square Garage.

Mr. Aronson made comments about the staff's collaboration with the Downtown Development Authority regarding employee parking. The suggested program included parking in the courthouse lot and east of the railroad tracks which were not beneficial as employees would have to walk a few blocks to work. West of the tracks between Swinton Avenue and the railroad tracks and the two parking garages, as well as, a portion of the railroad parking lot were better suited for employee parking. The Gladiola lot is also being considered. Employee parking spaces would be designated in these lots.

At this time, there was discussion about the valet program including inappropriate behavior. Mr. Aronson explained that the agreement does list the consequences in cases of inappropriate behavior.

Ms. Walden asked if there was input regarding employee parking.

Mr. Aronson stated that the merchants advised that they will ensure that their employees are in compliance when the program is put in place.

Ms. Walden asked about enforcement if a customer utilizes the employee parking.

Mr. Aronson stated that the enforcement may be done by staff or by someone in the Police Department.

Ms. Walden expressed her concern regarding investing in a parking program that cannot be controlled.

Ms. Franco stated that the Downtown Development Authority was involved in the parking employee program. They suggested a three month trial at no cost to the City.

Board members commented that it would be beneficial if the entire parking system was in place. Parking fees that were previously recommended were also discussed.

Ms. Franco made a motion to support staff's conceptual plan to the City Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rosen and passed 5-2 with Ms. Walden and Mr. Franciosa dissenting.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS ON PARKING RELATED ISSUES:

None.

VIII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

A. Comments by Staff

None.

There being no further business, Mr. Gimmy, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Advisory Board Liaison

The undersigned is the Secretary of the Parking Management Advisory Board and the information provided herein is the minutes of the meeting of said Parking Management Advisory Board on May 28, 2013, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on

ATTEST:

CHAIR

Advisory Board Liaison

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