

**PARKING MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015, 5:30 P.M.  
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce Gimmy  
Fran Marincola  
William Morse  
Peter Perri  
Annie Roof  
Kevin Warner  
Albert Richwagen  
Cynthia Freeburn

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Scott Aronson, Parking Facilities Manager

**GUESTS/OTHERS:**

Ron Nobili  
Dennis Nobili  
Carolyn Patton

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mr. Bruce Gimmy, at 5:30 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Marincola made a motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2015, seconded by Mr. Morse. Said motion passed unanimously.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Employee Parking:**

Mr. Aronson stated that staff has been meeting with a select group of restaurant and business owners in crafting a pilot program that will be instituted for six month period, starting November 1, 2015. The program is design to provide selected area restaurant employees with dedicated employee parking (Restaurants on Atlantic Avenue between Swinton Avenue and the FEC Railroad tracks). The Palm Beach County Department of Facilities Development and Operations Director, Audrey Wolf, has authorized the use of South County Courthouse Garage facility for our

employee parking program under guidelines outlined in the letter of request and brief synopsis prepared by Downtown Development Agency Director, Laura Simon.

- The City may utilize the garage for employees in the downtown core area
- Starting at 3:00 p.m. daily, 200 spaces may be utilized for the program
- At 5:00 p.m. an additional 150 spaces may be utilized for the program
- The facility will be available until 5:00 a.m. daily
- All vehicles will be removed prior to closing the facility
- The facility will be staffed by the City's parking facility contractor, (currently Ameristar Parking Solutions, Inc.)
- A set of keys will be provided to lock the facility
- The facility will be policed for trash and debris

The intent of the program is to provide parking for employees outside of the core area availing more parking for visitors, guests and customers. The cost of the permits will be \$20 per vehicle per month, borne by the restaurateurs, which will cover the cost of staffing and cleaning the facility and cost recovery for lost event revenue generated at the facility annually.

The proposed program does not include transportation cost between the parking facility and places of employment. Restaurateurs will be asked to coordinate shift ending, and closing times so employees may walk together retrieving vehicles, safety in numbers. The Police department will continue to show a strong police presence in the area in an effort to maintain safe passage from places of employment to the parking facility.

The program is at the direction of the City Commission which at one of the many presentations of the Parking Management plan, directed staff to see if an employee program would be sufficient to resolve parking issues in the core area.

At this time, the board had a discussion. There was consensus to proceed.

### **Marina Historic District Resident Parking Program:**

Mr. Aronson stated that at the August Parking Management Advisory Board meeting Mr. Ron Nobili addressed the board regarding Ordinance No 05-15 establishing the Marina Historic District Residential Parking Permit Program.

At the direction of the City Commission, this program was instituted to alleviate the neighborhood of parking from employees and customers of neighboring businesses.

Given the marginal number of public parking spaces in the area, there are maximums to the number of passes available within the different categories of qualifying area residents.

Tenants of the Marina, through their docking agreement, are issued one pass per slip free of charge. Owners of a second vehicle may purchase one additional permit package comprised of one sticker and one quest pass. If a second vehicle is not owned by the marina dock tenant, one additional guest pass may be purchased.

Mr. Nobili alleges that many of the spaces in the area lie dormant throughout the day and therefore feels limiting the number of passes that may be purchased is unfair. Mr. Nobili provided staff with his observations of vacant space during various times of day over a three month period. While staff is confident these are accurate, the observations took place during April, May and June. Staff would like to have an opportunity to observe the area through high season to see if the number of available spaces remains consistent.

At this time, the board had a brief discussion. Ms. Freeburn stated that Parks & Recreation would be presenting an item at a future Commission meeting regarding parking in the Marina District.

Mr. Richwagen move to review the Marina Historic District resident parking program after the item is presented to the City Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morse and passed 8-0.

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

Mr. Ron Nobili stated that out of 24 spaces occupied, only six (6) are Marina Historic District residents, nine (9) are Delray Beach residents, thirteen (13) are Florida resident. Consequently, boater's impact is not great at all. He would like the City to look into this and allow more parking spaces per boat for permanent residents.

Ms. Carolyn Patton, a Marina Historic District Homeowner Association board member on behalf of the president, stated that the resident parking program in the Marina Historic District is the best community improvement she has ever seen. After the program was implemented, there was immediate improvement. The streets were cleared not just for residents but for emergency vehicles as well.

Mr. Dennis Nobili stated that the resident parking program is working for the residents but it is very inconvenient for visitors. Parking spaces are not being utilized by residents and limiting boater's parking spaces is not the right solution.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Discuss Strategies for the October 13, 2015 City Commission Workshop.**

Mr. Aronson made a brief power point presentation. Mr. Aronson stated that Mr. Gimmy would start with an introduction about the mission of the board and then each of the representatives of the various boards would speak in regards of the importance of the program.

At this time, the board had a discussion. Mr. Marincola stated that allowing each member to speak to the City Commission regarding the parking program could have a better outcome. Mr. Aronson stated that he can speak to each of the board members individually or as a group. The board had a consensus to meet individually with Mr. Aronson to give their respective board input. Mr. Richwagen stated that perhaps if parking fees would be used towards parking enforcement, garages, etc. residents would be more in favor.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS ON PARKING RELATED ISSUES:**

Board members presented a brief status report of items taking place on their respective Boards. Mr. Richwagen stated that the Downtown Development Authority Board has been working on the employee parking program and would like more parking enforcement.

**V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Comments by Board Members**

None.

**B. Comments by Staff**

None.

There being no further business, Mr. Gimmy, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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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 September 29, 2015, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on October 27, 2015.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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Advisory Board Liaison

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