

PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES

November 29, 2012

Attendees: Steve Schrock, Eddie Munoz, Margaret Mahoney, Preston Brown, Andrew Shoemaker, Adam Moon for Mackenzie Oatman, Mitch Rucker, Mary LeGresley, Peg Livingood, Callie Long, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15, which was seconded by Brown. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Reports

Permit Sales

Hultine reported that permit sales are down \$94,000 compared to this time last year, much of which is in student permits, and that enrollment is also down a little overall. There was discussion about the dramatic increase in retirees who took the buyout, and that fewer students are bringing cars, based on the information we hear at New Student Orientation. Other future changes from the master planning effort might include a move to assigned parking and/or market-based pricing.

Transit

Kaiser said that there is not much to report, ridership is down somewhat, which was expected due to the many changes we made to routes this year; there is always a dip in ridership but it typically rebounds over time and ends up higher than before. The coordinated and KU routes are down 1.1%. There was discussion about the better than usual weather, and the city's survey regarding night service.

Old Business

Krawcheck

de Vries said that she had discussed various possibilities with Krawcheck based on the discussion at the previous meeting. Mahoney made motion to offer Krawcheck a 20-minute loading permit for lot 100, which was seconded by Shoemaker. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Age+Service

There was discussion about the idea of implementing a moratorium on selling new gold permits, or increasing the age + service requirement, until the end of the master planning effort, so that we can see what happens. Mahoney made a motion to approve a moratorium with an annual review, which was seconded by Brown. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

New Business

Budget

Long explained that her simplified spreadsheet had removed individual line items in order to show the big picture. Projected revenue stays fairly consistent at roughly \$6.5 million, but that assumes permit sales stay flat, and they appear to be declining at the moment. In FY14, there is a dip in the bond

payments, due to paying off one bond, and then they climb again. This is important when looking at capital improvement transfers, which are \$1.6 million in each of the next two years, \$500,000 in the third year, but beginning in FY15 there are not enough funds to pay for general repairs to parking lots. These are big numbers because of other commitments that were decisions made outside of our regular process, such as \$300,000 in the new Daisy Hill housing construction, and \$500,000 for Memorial Drive. There was discussion about how these decisions are made, and also about athletic event parking.

Schrock asked if the message is getting through to the administration that all of this is a problem for capital improvements, and whether or not there is an asset management plan or a value placed on the value of parking spaces. There was discussion about the need for new and ongoing condition assessments. Hultine reported that in 2005, it was estimated that parking lots required \$18M in repairs, if you could fix everything at once.

Hultine said that the issue can't be solved without completely revamping the parking system, and it is a good exercise to show administration the actual cost of their decisions. There was additional discussion about cash flow issues at Athletics, and the possibility of asset management assessments, which have been expanded to parking. Long said that we've been advised to spend down the carry forward, so that the budget is more realistic. There was discussion about making annual marginal increases, which has been proposed by the commission in the past, but has never been approved at an administrative level.

There was additional discussion about the master planning effort, and sustainable budgets.

Identification Rule

Long added that new rule for fee for not self-identified, add a fee to cover the cost of using a service to identify those vehicles for us. Described process, very time consuming and labor intensive, service available, costs less than \$2/plate successfully returned, add

Other

Hultine reported that she is working on a contract with ParkMobile to implement pay by phone for metered parking, so that people don't have to have coins to pay.

Brown asked that we consider installing bollards behind Strong Hall to protect the accessible entrance; FedEx and UPS trucks park in the way and block access to the building.

Rucker asked if we are looking at an increase in permit prices. Hultine answered that everything is on the table – it is hard to budget on ticket revenue.

Schrock delivered the parking study his CE 781 students had completed at the Park & Ride parking lots. It is not graded yet, but lacks much technical data.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Minutes approved 3/5/13.