

PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES

May 7, 2013

Attendees: Steve Schrock, Eddie Munoz, Margaret Mahoney, Barb Menke, Andrew Shoemaker, Mackenzie Oatman, Preston, Brown, Mary LeGresley, Jim Modig, Peg Livingood, Callie Long, Sarah Jean Coughlan, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes from April 2, which was seconded by Munoz. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Reports

Transit

Kaiser reported that there was no fee increase, which is different than what was reported at the last meeting, but rather than reducing service we've been able to do some creative shifting of the carry forward. He also reported that we are in the last year of the 5-year contract with MV Transportation. We are currently in the process of rewriting the RFP together with the City, which will be issued in August, with the new contract negotiated in October, to begin January 1, 2014. Shoemaker asked if it is possible that we will have two different providers in the fall and spring semesters next year. Kaiser said yes, that is a possibility. Hultine pointed out that owning our own facility is a major factor, and which we hope means we could have more bidders this time.

Open Forum

Hultine reported that approximately 25 people attended, but no one came from AbleHawks – the only mention of ADA parking was when a reporter asked about their question. She added that Jamie Simpson is a great advocate, and helps with good communication. Major complaints were about Park & Ride increase (from the people who are walking from the parking lot, not using the route); and staff at McCollum were complaining about lack of parking, although Barry Swanson had promised housing that no student parking would be lost when FS zone was moved to McCollum, and they were instructed to park at Stouffer Place or the Lied Center. There was also feedback from Stouffer Place residents, who were complimentary about snow removal, but still concerned about speeders. There was discussion about what steps might need to be taken to reduce residents speeding in Stouffer Place. Hultine said that next year we'll do the forum earlier next year, before rules changes are approved.

Munoz said that he noted the email feedback about the addition of a late fee "taking advantage" of people who receive tickets.

Old Business

Lot 50

de Vries reported that Oatman had requested that we table the issue because she was unable to attend the meeting. There was discussion about the lighting study, which was not done in the right area, and about how making it campus wide would impact other lots. No information has been provided by the sororities about the number of women living in the houses. Chapter houses don't have adequate parking for their residents. Livingood said that it is a land use issue – over time the model has changed

with few spaces and higher numbers of cars. She added that it is similar to the situation in the Oread Neighborhood, and described the study that was completed recently. The issue was tabled to the next meeting, in the fall.

New Business

Rules changes

Parking Garage permits in lots 6 and 7

Hultine explained that although garage permits are not valid in all other surrounding lots that are within sight of the garage, these two parking lots are not on the list. you need to park there. Taking up two spaces, these two are on west side of law school, VERY small, several on list are further away than these two.

Meters

The signs inside the meters were changed several years ago, and the purpose of this change is to make the rules consistent with our practice.

Mahoney made a motion to approve both changes, which was seconded by Brown. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Reserved Stall Request - DCM

There was discussion about how DCM's car is used, and whether or not they realize that there is a fee to reserve a space. There was additional discussion about whether or not they are loading and unloading, or parking throughout the day. Brown recommended tabling the topic for more information, and let DCM know about the cost and see if other solutions are possible, then vote via email after receiving more information. Mahoney made a motion to table the request, which was seconded by Munoz.

Kiley Brown Appeal

After a short discussion about how Brown's request, Mahoney made a motion to deny the request, which was seconded by Brown. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.