

Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Notes - August 19,2015

By - Greg Cowley

9/22/2015

- Roll Call - All Committee members present
- Approval of minutes from 7/22/15 meeting - Moved by Gallagher, supported by Cowley
- Public Comment - Karen/Beth owners - Merle Norman in the downtown center sought to understand the logic behind the 3 hr limit recently passed by City Council. Their concern is for employees closing up at night having to use remote parking lots - questioned safety in the downtown and lighting. Also requested additional handicap spaces for their customers (many who are in treatment). Walker was cited as the logic for the 3 hr limit - stating that the average turnover in spaces was documented at 1.5 hours. Safety was addressed by Frank and we indicated that approaching CVS and Castle Dental would offer some parking relief for the business. They are concerned that the Fresh Thyme Market will further add to the issues . We discussed the need to take step 1 (Move employees to remote parking) and that adding to capacity is our long-term goal. They agreed to test this step 1 and will provide feedback over the winter months.
- Presentation from Tom Neff - Traffic & Safety Control Systems Inc. (www.trafficandsafety.com) - Tom gave a complete overview of parking technology being utilized today in similar settings utilizing Cloud based software, Smart Phone Apps, Kiosk , real-time reporting, single space or multi space kiosks, Vendors (Passport - Toronto, Boston Ferndale, UM, MI State). Many options presented, full menu of decisions if the Committee is willing to move forward with increased technology. The City of Brighton is currently seeking parking solutions for 1000 spaces in the downtown.
- Public Safety Update - tickets issues, enforcement process identified by Frank. Some opportunity for better lighting utilizing DTE poles or private buildings (Avalon Films). Discussion of the "Reasonable Person Standard ' to establish the number of signs in the public lots. Frank to consult Chuck to seek the number and placement of signs.
- Library Parking Issue - Greg/David attended the Library Board meeting 9/10/15 to discuss the issue of timing the public lot around the downtown library. Our message was delivered and we are seeking a response this week to code the parking map to be placed in the Main Street Messenger.
- David Murphy - update on Judge Asset Management usage of private lot - NOT an option at this time. IDEA - create a subcommittee to convert Private to Public - (Greg, Liz, Mike) to staff ???
- Naming the Remote Parking lots - Rachael to discuss with Brian Golden - hoping to brand and discuss at next meeting.
- Main Street Messenger - Greg updated usage and deadlines to facilitate a 2 page piece to be delivered to over 22,000 local households. Map and Article to be reviewed at next meeting.

- 1 hour/30 minute discussion on Grand River - Consensus was the 1 hr was more enforceable and that City Council should consider adoption to stimulate turnover on Grand River. THIS SUGGESTION WAS REJECTED BY CITY COUNCIL AT THE LAST MEETING.

- Discussion on the Top 5 parking issues to addressed by the Parking Committee - tabled due to time - to be on the agenda next meeting 9/23/15.
Each Committee Member to list their top 5 and discuss the prioritization by the Committee.
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Adjournment - Next Meetings - 9/23/15, 10/14/15 - at City Hall - 7pm