

Meeting Minutes
Farmington Parking Advisory Committee
June 19, 2019

Attendees

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Agenda

1. Roll call - 7:04 p.m.
2. Approval of the agenda -

Crutcher made a motion to approve. Halas supported. All were in favor. — Approved

3. Approval of the May 2019 Parking Advisory Committee Minutes

Crutcher made a motion to approve. Halas supported. All were in favor.— Approved

4. Public Comment — No Public Comments

5. Public Safety Update

- Chief Demers apprised the committee that the parking officer monitored lot volumes during the Farmington Farmers' Market on June 8, 2019. During the hours in which the Market was open, all public lots were at or near capacity save for the State Street lot. Volume was light in that lot. Violations were at a minimum, indicating that there is an overall atmosphere of compliance with regard to timed parking limits.

- Weekday parking volumes continue to indicate a pattern of light to medium capacity in all other city lots.

*** The empirical data that supports the above statements is available in Chief Demers' spreadsheet report, which is on file in the clerk's office.*

- Chief Demers also informed the committee that new surveillance cameras will be installed and operational within the next couple of weeks.

- The camera count on the pavilion is being reduced from four to two. However, because of upgraded technology, the two new cameras will do the work of the old four. Additionally, two new cameras were installed in that vicinity, one near Fresh Thyme Market and one near The Cheese Lady.

- Areas that will also receive new cameras include:

- 1 camera on Oakland St.

- 1 camera to survey the lot behind Page's restaurant.

- 1 at the corner of Grand River and Farmington. (That camera

will survey the parking spaces on Farmington road between Grand River and Shiawassee.)

1 camera will be installed to survey the lot behind Los Trés Amigos restaurant.

*** All views of all cameras will be visible 24/7 to the Cadet stationed at communication room the Farmington Public Safety Office. Ultimately, the views of the cameras are expected to be made available to all public safety officers to view on their official mobile and desktop devices.*

6. Discussion Walk Around

- Repaving & striping needs that were identified, during the walk around las month, are indicated in the minutes from the last meeting. These needs will be evaluated by the city manager's office.
- Mante mentioned that walkability issues were identified between the pavilion and the Grove Shopping area. Those issues will also be considered in a future meeting. Photographs of this area are available. They were shared with the Design Committee by the Market Master. He may make them available to the parking committee as well.
- Murphy noted that the Market Master's observations were considered by the city manager's office and were deemed to be too expensive to rectify at this time. However, there may be an opportunity to reconsider them at a future date.
- Mante suggested that the parking committee would like public

safety to use the new camera system to observe both vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Grove Street to determine potential improvements that could be made.

- Gallagher said that there is a potential to improve way-finding signage to parking lots by updating the kiosks. She also said that there may be grant money available to help offset the costs. She will provide more detail on this item at the next meeting.

7. Discuss Ride Sharing Including Ferndale Example (Halas/Demers)

- Chief Demers said that he witnessed ride sharing drop-offs in areas that may be unsafe. To this end and more, the parking committee will continue to explore new solutions to curbside management.

- Halas provided visual examples of signs that multiple cities are using to designate ride sharing pick-up and drop-off areas. His pdf will be on file with the City Manager's office.

- Crutcher suggested exploring the possibility of coordinating with Google Maps to make Farmington parking lots searchable online.

- Chief Demers suggested that the summer intern in the Farmington City Clerk's office could help investigate app integration. He will need to contact Google as well as ride sharing apps to gain a better understanding of the process for integrating Farmington lots and curbside assets within the respective UIs. Specifically, we need to understand how to

integrate the Farmington Civic Theater pick-up/drop-off zone into ride sharing apps. We also need him to investigate the process of integrating city parking lots into Google Maps.

8. Items for future discussion

- Gallagher would like to discuss how the fine schedule applies to tickets that are issued to repeat parking violators.

*** Of note, this topic was discussed at length during the February 20, 2019 parking advisory committee meeting and the minutes from that meeting were unanimously approved by the committee during the March 20, 2019 meeting.*

- Grocery stores and other retailers are now offering shopping services for their customers. In doing so, the new service is presenting the need for newly designated, short-term parking areas. These areas are used for both customers and services like Door Dash, Post Mates and Uber Eats. Halas recommended that the committee may want to explore ways to be proactive regarding this topic should Farmington retailers such as Fresh Thyme start offering this type of service. Chief Demers agreed that more technology-driven changes like this are impacting municipalities and that we should prepare.

9. Committee Comments

- Murphy apprised the committee that he and DDA Executive Director, Kate Knight, met with Salem Church to explore the possibility of gaining public access to their sprawling parking lot. A contract was submitted and Murphy noted that Salem's

leadership seemed very positive and confident that a public/private agreement could be reached. In the interest of achieving such an agreement, Salem's leadership asked that a few spaces be reserved for Church employees.

- Via email, Galvin suggested that the parking officer should monitor parking volumes in the Masonic lot as well as the adjacent parking spaces on Oakland Street, Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue. The committee was somewhat unsure about this request as the parking officer has been monitoring the volumes in this area for several months. Perhaps clarification on this request can be made at the July meeting.

10. Adjournment 9:07