

## Meeting notes: Farmington Parking Advisory Committee Meeting

Jan. 16,2019

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm

### ATTENDEES:

Rachel Gallagher <rachelegallagher@aol.com>  
Commander Andy Morche (Substituting for Public Safety Director Frank Demers)  
Bill Galvin <bgalving@farmgov.com>  
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Chris Halas <ch.halas@gmail.com>,  
Joe Mantey <cheeseladyfarmington@gmail.com>

### Agenda

Halas made a motion to delete agenda item 8 (Discussion of improving Pedestrian Access from Parking to Shopping). The reason for the motion was because Halas already presented the item at the November meeting. It appeared to have been carried over to the January 16th agenda from the November agenda. Gallagher supported the motion. All were in favor of removing the item.

Revised agenda was approved after deleting item 8. All were in favor.

Minutes from November 28, 2018, were approved. All were in favor.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

### PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The public safety update was supplied by Commander Morche. A total of 24 citations were issued for the month of December. Two of those citations were in the amount of \$100, the repeat violator fine.

Gallagher asked for clarification on the newly implemented fine for repeat

parking violators. She pointed out that we were never told how tickets were being issued. She asked if it was by license plate or by name. She pointed out that the procedure indicated by Chief Demers was not consistent with how the officer was issuing tickets. Gallagher pointed out that even though she received a ticket, her plate was not on the repeat offender list.

As a result of this point, the committee agreed that we would like to see a list of repeat offenders to gain further clarification.

Halas asked if the 24 violations for the month of December suggest that the current fine schedule is creating an atmosphere of compliance.

Commander Morche stated that for a community of approximately 10,000 residents, the details of the report suggest that people are largely obeying the signs for time-limited areas in the downtown parking areas. 24 citations is a relatively small amount.

#### DISCUSSION TO DETERMINE THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF A PARKING SPACE IN THE DOWNTOWN.

Galvin read a passage from the book, "The High Cost of Free Parking" By Donald Shoup. In summary, the topic covered a formula for the cost of a parking space relative to what the average car is worth. The exact figures are available on P. 208. Taking inspiration from the book, Galvin asked the committee if there would be a way to formulate the cost of creating a parking space in Farmington.

Crutcher said that would be difficult to do because costs can vary significantly. In some cases, the city has added parking spaces by simply reviewing property documents and then clearly striping spaces that were already paved. In other cases, the city has paved and painted new parking spaces.

Mantey suggested that he would like to use his experience and education in economics to explore a methodology for determining the cost of a parking space in Farmington. For the next meeting, he wants to be responsible for leading the discussion on this agenda topic.

#### DISCUSS BEST PRACTICE FOR PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Mantey informed the committee that David Murphy was unable to attend.

However, Murphy did want the committee to know that he had a meeting scheduled with The Salem United Church of Christ on Oakland Street. The purpose of that meeting would be to explore the possibility of enabling the public to park in their lot on days when the Church isn't holding services.

## FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Galvin asked Commander Morche to audit the current parking usage on Farmington Road between Shiawassee and Grand River. Additionally, he asked Commander Morche to observe the usage of street parking on Oakland Street.

## COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Halas and Mantey both suggested that the audit Galvin requested should include a day in which one or both of the adjacent funeral homes had a viewing/funeral. Those events tend to utilize more of the public parking capacity on Farmington Road as well as in the Masonic Temple parking lot.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm

public comment should be at the beginning. But we moved it earlier

Commander Morche provided the public safety report

Gallagher need clarification if plate is different - versus the person

—Ticketing officer informational clarification how enforcement takes place

How far back is the queries? Name or Plate?

E-citation is written to registered owner.

Gallager wanted to know who the repeat offenders were

recommendation after 3 repeat offenders

Parking through observation - through field notes the repeat offenders tend to stand out

This

Explanation of how this is totaled out

Approval

Parking - Rate your experience

Parking - create a press release

Galvin Read from Shoup Book P. 208

Putting the cost of free parking into perspective

Capital cost of parking supply

Are parking spaces worth more than vehicles?

cities provide spaces to give drivers access to all addresses at all times.

Peak demand spaces are empty

City does not collect data on its supply. Every car has at least 3 or 4 spaces available for it somewhere else

parking supply is worth twice the value of all roads

Galvin wants to get the actual figure for a parking space

Crutcher added other spaces that were not expenses. properly striped.

What are the value of the

Gallagher the cost of building a parking space - what it

parking space for your customers generates revenue - this needs to be determined holistically

Mantey parking not bought and sold - estimated value

What is the demand -

Safety issue - How many tickets

Mantey needs to clarify his supply curve comments

Costs of parking - so many

Asses current conditions

Value per spaces value

Shiawasse - behavior change-  
Grand river -

Traffic calming

Oakland street

additional cost of

Incremental cost curve

Adding costs, isolate just the cost of the space

Meeting with Salem of Church -

Eminent loss of a parking spaces from the Masonic lodge we need

Supply curve

Why do business owners think the value of a space is what it is.

Mantey will send data about the Habitat? The methodology for how

Will provide we use a methodology in assessing "value" in downtown farmington

We need to figure

In next month's agenda

Joe will lead topic of the parking space. Multiple data points to make a methodology complete

Enforcement on oakland street - for parking?

Baseline for how it's being used.

Start counting cars farmington Farmington / shiawassee / grand river / oakland / masonic temple parking lot.

existing conditions parking on oakland street

How many

Where should employees park

Planning comission