



# DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 12, 2009  
7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.  
Gebhard Meeting Room  
630 Garden Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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1) **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 a.m.

2) **ROLL CALL**

DPC MEMBERS

Randy Rowse	Present
Tom Williams	Present
Jim Hammock	Present
Bill Collyer	Present
Matt LaBrie	Present
Gene McKnight	Present
Eric Kelley	Present

Attendance

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager  
Victor Garza, Parking / TMP Superintendent  
Brandon Beaudette, Administrative Assistant  
Rebecca Jimenez, Parking Supervisor  
David McDermott, Assistant City Attorney  
Rob Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Grant House, City Council

Others Present

Sheila Lodge, Planning Commission

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

S. Lodge introduced herself as Planning Commission liaison to the Downtown Parking Committee.

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2008.**

It was moved by G. McKnight and seconded by M. LaBrie to approve the minutes. The motion was carried 5 yeas/0 nays. T. Williams abstained as he was not present at the last meeting.

5) **REVIEW OF PARKING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

B. Allen presented the proposed six year plan for the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2010 through 2015. He provided details on projects that were occurring in the next fiscal year.

T. Williams asked whether other projects should take priority over the Lot 2 Arcade project in FY 11'. He stated that the project is cosmetic and worries about pushing out more costly projects.

B. Allen replied that there is the ability to reprioritize as the budget cycle is currently one year.

B. Collyer commented he hears quite often about the need for security cameras in the lots. B. Allen stated that cameras being looked at in outlying years but if the committee feels strongly about them then can reprioritize them.

B. Allen wanted to emphasize that the CIP shows four million dollars unfunded in outlying years. He would like the committee to know that this is not uncommon but it is important to show the needs of the program.

## **6) UPDATE ON PLAN SB**

R. Dayton gave a presentation on the Downtown Parking Survey. The survey is a result of the Plan Santa Barbara Existing Conditions Report. The consultant found "no data available" for many important aspects related to downtown on-street parking. Current downtown parking conditions need to be understood in order to allow the consultant team to make informed parking recommendations for Plan Santa Barbara and the Downtown Parking Committee. It will also assist the City in managing parking demand in downtown Santa Barbara. The parking survey will provide a complete and up to date inventory of downtown on-street parking: Supply, Occupancy, and Turnover (parking duration).

The survey will also provide City staff and downtown merchant's useful information including: accurate count of on-street supply, demonstrate where people are parking (and for how long), and highlight areas that where on-street supply and demand are out of balance. It can also be used to develop Plan Santa Barbara recommendations to: reduce congestion from cruising for parking, manage on- and off-street downtown parking supply as an integrated system, and help residents, visitors and employees find available parking more easily.

R. Rowse asked if the computing models will be using hard numbers or trip generation. R. Dayton replied that the trip generation is very Santa Barbara specific. So the system knows that a house downtown has a different rate than the Riviera.

M. LaBrie inquired if data collection every two hours would be accurate. R. Dayton answered that there are budget constraints but Nelson/Nygaard, the consultants, assured the useful information can be achieved from the two hour measurements.

E. Kelley asked if yellow zone would be included as zones on his block often go unoccupied. He added that residents in the block often shuffle their vehicles on his block. Would this also be included? R. Dayton replied that the yellow zones would be included and is actually a way to address residents from parking on the 00 blocks.

G. McKnight had a question on the timeline and completion of the survey. R. Dayton stated a draft of the survey should be ready at the end of the summer.

## **7) REVIEW OF DOWNTOWN PARKING BUDGET**

B. Allen stated that the operating budget for next year will include costs for security in the downtown area that also includes the parking lots. These costs are to be split with the Downtown Organization.

When discussing revenue B. Allen stated that D. McDermott was present to provide clarification on the Parking Business Improvement Area Assessment. D. McDermott stated that if the committee would like to amend the PBI to include Non-Profit groups then he recommends language be included to provide rationalization as to why they should be included. He added that should the committee decide to continue to exclude Non-Profit groups then adding language clarifying why might also want to be included.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.