



DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 22, 2009
7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
Gebhard Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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

2) **ROLL CALL**

DPC MEMBERS

Randy Rowse	Present
Tom Williams	Present
Jim Hammock	Not 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
William McTomney, Public Works Administrative Officer
Robert Peirson, Finance Director
James Armstrong, City Administrator

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Grant House, City Council

Others Present

B. Allen welcomed Eric Kelley, Gene McNight, and Matt LaBrie to their first Downtown Parking Committee Meeting.

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2008.**

It was moved by Bill Collyer and seconded by Matt LaBrie to approve the minutes. The motion was carried 5 yeas/0 nays.

5) **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.**

It was moved by Bill Collyer and seconded by Gene McNight to nominate Randy Rowse as Chair. The motion was carried 5 yeas/0 nays

It was moved by Randy Rowse and seconded by Gene McNight to nominate Bill Collyer as Vice-Chair. The motion was carried 5 yeas/0 nays

6) **PRESENTATION ON THE BUDGET**

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W. McTomney gave a presentation on the budget background and the budget process. In addition, he presented the current Downtown Parking budget, with budgeted and actual amounts at the half way point of this fiscal year.

T. Williams expressed his concern that the budget is balanced by pushing capital programs out to later years. W. McTomney stated that his point is well taken but staff judiciously identifies which projects are priorities and which ones are funded and unfunded. In addition, RDA still owns some major structures. Hopefully, some major capital work will be done on these buildings to help alleviate some of these costs to Downtown Parking.

R. Rowse would like to point out for the new members that while hourly parking revenue is down, PBIA revenue is up which is a bit of an anomaly as this indicates businesses are still downtown. He also had a question as to what the logic is behind not leasing the Revenue Control Equipment as that is a large capital line item.

J. Armstrong responded that the city looks at lease purchase agreements but prefer not to pay interested. Rather prefer to purchase with cash. As RDA closes out there will be a need to identify where RDA funds go to downtown as a whole, not just parking. RDA has spent quite a bit already downtown. As a group we need to look at the parking rates. We are not going to be able to sustain the capital programs with the current rates.

W. McTomney also noted that when the rates were set it was based on the trends at the time. The fund would build its own funds to take over the RDA projects. Revenue and Transactions went down so did the funds.

R. Peirson then gave a presentation that was presented at a January 8, 2009 budget work session. The city has a large deficit in the budget to solve this year and next. The real problems are that Salary and Benefits keep going up but revenues are not. Sales, Property, Bed and Utility taxes all are low. Staff is not advocating cuts across the board and J. Armstrong and Council can say no to any cuts and make departments find different avenues to make adjustments.

R. Pierson clarified that the elimination of the free period was not a recommendation or a proposal. Rather, it was simply part of a brainstorming session of possible ideas. T. Williams responded that is his due diligence to respond to this item and there was not adequate time. R. Peirson added that there is still plenty of time in the process to do so.

R. Rowse asked that this item be moved to a later agenda so that it may be reviewed further. Staff agreed to do so.

7) PRESENTATION OF THE HOLIDAY OCCUPANCY REPORT

Due to time constraints this item was postponed until a later Downtown Parking Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.