



DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 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	Excused
Bill Collyer	Present
Matt LaBrie	Present
Gene McKnight	Present
Eric Kelley	Not 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

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Grant House, City Council

Others Present

Sheila Lodge, Planning Commission

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2009.**

It was moved by M. LaBrie and seconded by G. McKnight to approve the minutes. The motion was carried 4 yeas/0 nays.

R. Rowse wanted to clarify his comments in regards to a big difference between a uniformed peace officer. He stated that he feels a sworn officer is not necessary to make the program effective.

5) **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT**

B. Beaudette presented the annual Parking Business Improvement Area (PBIA) report. There are no reported changes at this time.

It was moved by M. LaBrie and seconded by G. McKnight that the Committee accept the Draft Annual Parking Business Improvement Area (PBIA) Annual Assessment Report Fiscal Year 2010 (Annual Report) and recommend that City Council approve the draft Annual Report. The motion was carried 4 yeas/0 nays.

6) PRESENTATION OF THE DOWNTOWN PARKING BUDGET

B. Allen presented the Downtown Parking Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.

G. McKnight questioned if the Hourly Revenue should be budgeted lower. B. Allen responded that he has discussed it with staff and feels it is a conservative number as the new Sunday hours should help increase revenue.

M. LaBrie asked if the new Plan SB would have any impacts on the Residential Parking Program revenues. B. Allen answered that any impacts from Plan SB wouldn't be felt until FY12 if at all.

T. Williams asked about Building Maintenance costs. W. McTomney clarified that it is billed on a reimbursable basis. These costs are usually associated with specialized trades that Downtown Parking does not have on staff such as plumbing.

R. Rowse inquired about the New Beginnings contract and the RV Parking Program. He asked if Gary Lenker would be coming before the committee to ask for more spaces. B. Allen replied that he has asked for more spaces but it will not come at an increased cost. He stated that an update on the RV Parking Program can be brought before the committee in the next couple months.

*R. Rowse stated that the Downtown Organization would be contributing \$20,000 and would like to see how beneficial program will be with Downtown Parking matching those funds.

B. Allen added that he would like to thank R. Rowse and T. Williams for bringing their concerns to city council. R. Rowse stated that he expressed these concerns to city council as added expenses will further diminish an already small operating income. He does not want to be forced into looking at an hourly rate increase.

T. Williams expressed his dismay over the Security Support line item and the General Fund Transfer. He asked what is being done to address these new items. B. Allen responded that the My Ride program will be phased out over the next two fiscal years. This can now be done as it is not required to meet the mitigation requirement for the Granada Garage. The Enhanced Transit Support now does that when it was approved by the Planning Commission.

*R. Rowse stressed that the goal of the operating income was to be able to put \$500,000 into reserves in order to support the capital needs. The vitality of the downtown corridor is at risk if parking is not made attractive. The added costs of the Downtown Security Support and the General Fund transfer to address the Downtown Maintenance agreement further burdens an already impacted program.

It was moved by M. LaBrie and seconded by G. McKnight that a memo be drafted to the city council addressing the committee's concerns. The motion was carried 3 yeas/0 nays. B. Collyer abstained.

7) REPORT REGARDING CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT RATES

B. Allen presented a report regarding possible changes to the Residential Parking Permit Rates. Different rates were discussed at the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting and after discussing the options over with staff, a recommendation of \$20 annually for the Residential Parking Permit.

R. Rowse asked if there would an expectation of increased enforcement if fees were increased. B. Allen responded that there is already an expectation of enforcement but there would not be an expectation to increase it.

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It was moved by B. Collyer and seconded by M. LaBrie that the Residential Parking Permits Rates increase to \$20 annually. The motion was carried 3 yeas/0 nays. T. Williams Abstained.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.