



DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 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

Tom Williams

Jim Hammock

Bill Collyer

Matt LaBrie

Gene McKnight

Eric Kelley

Attendance

Present

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CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager

Victor Garza, Parking / TMP Superintendent

Brandon Beaudette, Administrative Assistant

Rebecca Jimenez, Parking Supervisor

Dion Tait, Parking Supervisor

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Grant House, City Council

Others Present

Gary Lenker, New Beginnings

Marshall Rose

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

R. Rowse acknowledged M. Rose, former chair of the Downtown Parking Committee, in attendance.

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 14 2009.**

It was moved by B. Collyer and seconded by G. McKnight to approve the minutes. The motion was carried 6 yeas/0 nays.

5) **UPDATE ON RV PARKING PROGRAM**

G. Lenker gave a background on New Beginnings and some of the programs associated with it. Included was an update on the RV Parking Program. He stated that there have been no complaints about the program this year. Some individuals have not been cooperative but are asked to leave if they don't follow the rules and a warning.

R. Rowse stated that he was a big skeptic about the program but it is performing admirably. He asked as more services are added is the programming still addressing Santa Barbara locals or it is attracting people from outside the city. G. Lenker responded that a certain percentage of the

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people utilizing the program are drifters. He estimated that about 80% of the group was native as they have lived in Santa Barbara for two years.

B. Collyer asked what the normal time period is for someone in this program. G. Lenker answered that members of the program are asked to renew their permit every month. They are given help to move into housing and jobs. In all, 41 members have done so this year.

T. Williams inquired if the program was to remain budgeted as a pass through program. The funds are put into and then pulled from the Downtown Parking Fund. B. Allen confirmed it is still budgeted this way.

It was moved by T. Williams and seconded by B. Collyer to recommend continuation of the program for another year. The motion was carried 6 yeas/0 nays.

6) REVIEW OF PARKING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

B. Allen reviewed the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 10' – FY 15' that was first presented to the committee in March of 2009. He reminded the committee that when a new CIP is presented it will differ from previous years as projects are completed and/or reprioritized. Included in next years projects will be the Lot 2 Arcade project. This item will now only consist of some lighting and landscaping improvements and will now cost significantly less than anticipated.

G. House gave an update on council discussions in regards to the budget in FY 10' and how it relates to the CIP. B. Allen added that RDA funds that are made available will go into the capital program. M. Rose asked if RDA funds are being made available then why not move forward with the concrete work in the CIP earlier. B. Allen stated that staff is gathering proposals to do exactly that if funds are made available.

7) PRESENTATION OF MAY BI-ANNUAL OCCUPANCY REPORT

B. Beaudette presented the May 2009 Bi-Annual Occupancy Report. Included in the report are the occupancy counts of all the downtown parking lots for a two week period in May. He premised the report that the occupancy counts were particularly low due to the fact they were done a week after the Jesusita Fire. In order to make sure the report was comparable to other years it could not be done at a later date. He also stated that it should be noted that even though the counts were low that evening occupancy on Sundays was up and comparable to a regular weekday. The hours were changed in February to accommodate this demand change.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.