



# DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 14, 2012  
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

Matt LaBrie  
Tom Williams  
Eric Kelley  
Bill Collyer  
Gene McKnight  
Trey Pinner  
Krista Fritzen

Attendance

Present  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Absent  
Present

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation, Streets and Parking Manager  
Victor Garza, Parking /TMP Superintendent  
Rebecca Jimenez, Parking Supervisor  
Brandon Beaudette, Parking Resource Specialist  
Dion Tait, Parking Supervisor  
Malcolm Hamilton, Administrative Assistant

LIAISONS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 10, 2012**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the regular meeting of MAY 10, 2012.

**Made By:** Bill Collyer **Second:** Tom Williams

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: (Fritzen, Pinner, Kelley)

K. Fritzen and E. Kelley joined the meeting after the motion.

5) **SUBCOMMITTEE WORK PLAN REVIEW**

M. Hamilton distributed copies of the Fiscal Year 2013 work plans for the three Subcommittees.

6) **CALIFORNIA TRAILER BILL AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO THE DOWNTOWN PARKING SYSTEM**

M. Hamilton presented an overview of the most recent California Trailer Bill which included language concerning the disposal of public parking lots.

B. Allen explained to the Committee that the California State Legislature needs to pass a balanced budget by 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2012. B. Allen said that Assemblymember Das Williams expressed support for removing the language from the Trailer Bill.

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B. Allen said that Committee members can send letters as well as any community members who would like to voice their concerns. City staff will continue to watch closely as this legislation moves through the State Capitol.

T. Williams asked if the assets of the Paseo Nuevo Mall are at risk. B. Allen said that the whole property including the parking system is subject to sale. B. Allen added that any actions taken to transfer titles after January 1, 2011 is null and does not affect the decisions of the State Government and Oversight Board.

G. McKnight asked if there is a distinction between the City owning the land and the funds contributed by the RDA to build the parking structures. B. Allen said that the titles to properties are in the RDA's name and beyond that, the State is unconcerned with history.

G. McKnight remembers in the past other cities have sold their lots with a deed restriction. B. Allen said that those actions were budget balancing acts and the cities hired private operators for their lots, however the goal of Santa Barbara is to maintain local control.

T. Williams asked if there are opportunities to cloud the title. B. Allen said that the City Attorney's office is exploring all legal options.

E. Kelley noted that the businesses Downtown made significant contributions as well.

T. Williams asked about remaining RDA bonds. B. Allen said there are two bond offerings currently outstanding.

### 7) **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

Tabled

### 8) **OPERATIONS UPDATE**

#### Parking Lot Security & Security Camera Installation

V. Garza updated the Committee that staff has installed cameras in the Lots 2, 6, and Lot 10 elevators, in the Granada Garage, and in all 17 kiosks, which will go a long way towards public and operator safety, as well as a deterrent to vandalism. V. Garza added that signage has been placed on the kiosks and in the Granada Garage.

#### Lot 5 Theatre Project

V. Garza informed the Committee that staff has made agreements with the owners of the property to use the Louise Lowry Lot for construction parking. V. Garza added that the project where Von's used to be is moving forward.

T. Williams said that cars cue on the Victoria entrance and block traffic. It would be efficient to use Victoria as an exit as well. V. Garza said that staff plans to add a kiosk and exit lane for Victoria so there would be one entrance and two exits to Lot 5.

#### EV Charging Stations

V. Garza said that staff installed 2 stations in each of the following Lots: 6, 7, and Helena. Customers will pay for their hourly parking as well.

T. Williams asked if there are any free charging spots in Santa Barbara. V. Garza said that Rabobank and the Natural History Museum may offer free charging.

#### Mission Creek Flood Control Project

V. Garza said that staff met with City Engineering to discuss the Mission Creek Flood Control Project at the Depot Lot and the operational logistics during the construction. Staff is working to have the long-term

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parking serviceable for Thanksgiving.

T. Williams asked what work will be done. V. Garza said that an underground diversion is being built to relieve flooding in that area.

### PBIA

B. Allen said that staff will present the PBIA Annual Report on June 19, 2012.

### July DPC Meeting

Committee members agreed to reschedule for July 19, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. in the Gebhard Meeting Room.

## **9) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.