



DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2020
GoToWebinar Meeting

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:34 AM

2) **ROLL CALL**

DPC MEMBERS

Trey Pinner (Chair)
Ed France (Vice-Chair)
Matt LaBrie
Sean Pratt
Andrew Newkirk
Robert Janeway

Attendance

Present
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Present
Excused

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Rob Dayton, Transportation Planning & Parking Manager
Victor Garza, Downtown Parking & Plaza Manager
Sarah Clark, Administrative Supervisor
Dion Tait, Facility Maintenance Supervisor
Roy Forney, Parking Supervisor
Chelsey Swanson, Project Planner
Mindy Jackson, Administrative Specialist

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Gabriel Escobedo, Planning Commission

OTHERS PRESENT:

Accessible Santa Barbara

3) **CHANGES TO AGENDA**

None.

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

5) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF March 12, 2020**

Motion: To approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 12, 2020

Made By: Andrew Newkirk **Second:** Matt LaBrie

Discussion: One modification to be made.

Vote:

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

6) **PLAZA ACTIVATION AND BUSINESS RE-OPENING STRATEGY UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee receive an update on the strategies being used on State Street and other streets to allow businesses the ability to expand their food service on the sidewalks and onto the street.

Rob Dayton reported on the success of the expansion of outdoor dining areas into the street, and where Parklets are being set up in the parking lanes on side streets and Coast Village Road. Guidelines will continue to be adjusted for outdoor dining and Parklets. Overall, businesses are reporting that they are doing well. There has been more bicycle traffic on State Street. Staff is working on the issues with the sharing of the area with pedestrians.

Chair Pinner asked why the 400 block has not being closed.

Mr. Dayton stated that since there are 4 lanes of traffic and it is between two one-way couplets, there are

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access issues for Emergency Vehicles. This block will need to remain open.

Mr. Newkirk asked about music being played on State Street. Mr. Dayton stated that live and amplified music is not allowed

A suggestion was made that it would be nice to have potted plants at each end of Parklets rather than parked cars. Mr. Dayton mentioned that K rail or a parked vehicle would be needed to safeguard the Parklet area from traffic.

Chair Pinner asked what would be the mechanism to go from an emergency ordinance to long-term and at what point will it be explained that it won't stay this way.

Mr. Dayton stated that we won't know for a while what all the businesses think of the closure. There are some challenges with deliveries to businesses on State Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7) PARKING LOT RE-OPENING PLAN UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee receive an update on the plan to begin fee collection in Downtown parking lots.

Victor Garza said that on-street parking enforcement will resume on June 22 and the collection of hourly parking fees will resume in the lots. Customers will be directed to stop at exit columns to insert their credit card. Payment with a credit card is being encouraged in order to employ contactless transactions.

Monthly Permit holder billing will resume in July. Notifications are being sent out.

Chair Pinner would like to see staff reach out to MTD to see if there is an uptick in ridership.

Committee member Newkirk asked about the impacts to commuting caused by all of the changes to parking operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

8) PROGRAM UPDATES

a. City Council Budget Updates –

Mr. Dayton said that budget deliberations are going on with City Council. The budget that was being put together for early this year had to be reworked due to the impacts to the budget by COVID-19.

b. New Design Concept for Solar Array

Mr. Garza stated that there will be another presentation at the Historic Landmarks Commission. There will be a softening of the design.

c. Granada Garage Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Chair Pinner would like to know what the license really means and have this come back before the DPC.

9) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Pinner asked when the DPC meetings will meet again in person.

Staff responded that it is not known at this time when that will be.

Chair Pinner asked when the next recruitment will be for the Downtown Parking Committee.

Recruitments will be in the fall. Ms. Jackson will send this information to the Committee members when it is available.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM