



DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, April 8, 2021
GoToWebinar Meeting

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:31 AM

2) **ROLL CALL**

DPC MEMBERS

Trey Pinner (Chair)
Ed France (Vice Chair)
Andrew Newkirk
Matt LaBrie
Sean Pratt
Barbara Silver
Ruben Zarate

Attendance

Present
Present
Present
Present
Absent
Present
Present

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Rob Dayton, Transportation Planning & Parking Manager
Sarah Clark, Parking Programs Supervisor
Roy Forney, Parking Supervisor
Meghan Salas, Parking Resources Specialist
Mindy Jackson, Administrative Specialist
Justin Berman, Parking Coordinator
Sergio Arriaga, Parking Coordinator

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Meagan Harmon, City Council Liaison

3) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

5) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF February 11, 2021**

Motion: To approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 11, 2021

Motion Made By: Matt LaBrie **Second:** Ed France

Vote: Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

6) **FY22-23 BUDGET AND PARKING OPERATIONS UPDATE (LOCATION ON VIDEO: 4:45)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee receive an update on parking operations and trends in revenues and expenditures.

Rob Dayton – we are trying to capture the most revenue after the heavy losses during the past year due to impacts of the pandemic.

Sarah Clark gave the budget update. The occupancy data was given for March and how it compared to the last two years. Revenue comparisons also were given for March.

Chair Pinner asked if staff had obtained data from the California Hotel parking lot.

Mr. LaBrie asked if the replenishment of reserves is being taken into consideration. Ms. Clark stated that these are operating and revenue expenses only and does not account for Capital funding. It does not account for the full impact to reserves. Mr. LaBrie said it is good to remind ourselves what the lots need to be generating in order to maintain a reasonable Capital budget and not just be continually using those reserved monies.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7) **AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION UPDATE (LOCATION ON VIDEO: 19:00)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee receive an update on the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Project.

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Roy Forney, Parking Operations Supervisor, gave the presentation.

A timeline was given for the automation implementation of the ALPR.

Operational, Staffing, Accessibility, and Public Outreach Plans will be presented to the DPC in May. A Billing system project plan will be presented to the DPC in July.

The ALPR system is to be in full operation in January 2022.

Staffing will be kept at an optimal level to ensure customer service.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

8) **PROGRAM UPDATES:** (LOCATION ON VIDEO: 40:50)

- State Street Promenade Activity

Mr. Dayton said that we are now trying to adjust from not just helping businesses survive, but to make the promenade look better and function better. We have engaged the American Institute of America and the Historic Landmarks Commission to bring aesthetics to the guidelines for the parklets. We will go to Council in the next couple of months with guidelines for downtown State Street that will take us to the end of the emergency ordinance period. This will include sidewalk space guidelines, not having coverings and have umbrellas only, and a moratorium on new parklet structures being installed on Downtown State Street. Sidewalk clearance for pedestrians will be increased from 6 feet to 8 feet.

Mr. Dayton said that the use of the public right of way is being discussed, along with revenue from businesses for outdoor dining that had previously been in place.

Ruben Zarate asked what was being done about the homeless people in the downtown area.

Barbara Silver asked about compliance and enforcement in regards to ADA regulations.

- Downtown Area Master Plan Advisory Committee

The application deadline to be on this committee is May 20 at 5:00 PM. Council interviews will be on June 8 and 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Will Rehling, Accessible Santa Barbara, had comments and questions regarding enforcement of the parklet guidelines and whether accessibility issues were being addressed in other areas of the City.

9) **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

The application deadline to be on the Downtown Area Master Plan Advisory Committee is May 20 at 5:00 PM.

Rob Dayton will continue to fill the position of the Downtown Parking and Plaza Manager until a decision is made on what will become of the position.

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 AM.