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May 14, 2019

Great Falls City Commission
PO Box 5021
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RE: Parking Commission

Dear Commissioners;

In response to the Parking Advisory Commissions current proposal to increase meters the Board of Directors of the Great Falls Business Improvement District (BID) would like to ask the City Commission to consider all of the possible alternatives before increasing the meters.

The BID board would also ask that the Parking Advisory Commission work in partnership with the BID Board, as well as the board of directors of the Downtown Great Falls Association, as well as the board of directors of the Downtown Development Partnership in creation of a comprehensive ten-year strategic parking plan, for a long-term solution.

The Business Improvement District thanks the Commission for their continued support of downtown Great Falls.

Sincerely,

Joan Redeen
Community Director

cc: Greg Doyon, City Manager
Craig Raymond, Director of Planning & Community Development
Parking Advisory Commission
Downtown Great Falls Association Board of Directors



Krista Artis

From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 11:40 AM
To: Craig Raymond; Charles Anderson; Greg Doyon; Krista Artis
Subject: FW: Meters/parking

Fyi
Lisa

From: Bob Kelly
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 10:49 AM
To: Lisa C. Kunz <lkunz@greatfallsmt.net>; City Commissioners <CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Fwd: Meters/parking

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alison Fried <dragonflydg@hotmail.com>
Subject: Meters/parking
Date: May 17, 2019 at 10:39:15 AM MDT
To: "Bkelly@greatfallsmt.net" <Bkelly@greatfallsmt.net>

To my city mayor Kelly,

I am asking you to say NO to a raise in the parking meters to a \$1.00.

Late last fall the shock and awe of raising the meters to \$2.00 was thrown out, to the general public, with reasons of differed maintenance, and public safety for the parking garages.

As we stand today \$400,000 is available from parking reserves and \$475,000 was approved to be used from tax increment financing district! This money is being used right now to fix the parking garages.

So the increase of a \$1.00 is NOT needed! I believe we need to pause and breath.

You are going to hear about how there are more repairs that need to be done, how the meters are old and are on their last leg, how the surface lots need to be repaired, how we need to replenish the parking reserves. Plus much more!!

But I do know: that the approved parking budget and the ACTUAL year end numbers are not the same! I also, do feel strongly that EVERY expense needs to be examined! \$540,000 is a huge

price to run anything! But even with those expenses, as of May 10th parking is \$76,848 in the black.

Also, that increase of parking usage at the current cost needs to be maximized, raising prices doesn't encourage more usage.

Lowering expenses and increasing usage, need to be maximized. I have to do that everyday to make Dragonfly work!

I am asking that you city commissioners consider that Parking Advisory partner with the Downtown Development Partnership, Downtown Great Falls Association and Business Improvement District and have a 5 or even a 10 year parking plan to present, as a whole group, to you, not a \$1.00 will fix/make the numbers seem better for now plan!

Thank you for your service to my town and the downtown that I love and have been working hard in everyday for over 20 years.

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Dragonfly Dry Goods owner

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