

GREAT FALLS PARKING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of February 18, 2014

The Parking Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Darren Brown at 3:05 p.m. in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Members Present: Chuck Fulcher, Darren Brown, David Campbell

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Nellis, FAICP, Deputy Director, Planning & Community Development

Others Present: Tena Grigsby, Standard Parking; Joan Redeen, Downtown Business Improvement District

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Brown asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the January 21 meeting. There being none, Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fulcher seconded, and all being in favor, the motion passed.

Election of Officers: Mr. Fulcher nominated Mr. Brown to serve another term as chair of the PAC. Mr. Campbell seconded that nomination. There being no other nominees, Mr. Brown was elected chair by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1. North Parking Garage

Mr. Nellis reported that a bid of approximately \$216,000 has been accepted for repairs at the North Parking Garage.

Item 2. South Parking Garage

Mr. Nellis reported that quotes for the pigeon netting project at the South Parking Garage are due at the end of February.

Item 3. Monthly Revenue & Expense Reports

The PAC reviewed the monthly revenue and expense report from Standard Parking.

Item 4. Revenue Strategies

Mr. Nellis presented an outline of revenue strategies over time, based on the conversation at the PAC's last meeting. This led to considerable discussion of the courtesy parking system, tokens as an alternative, a design competition for new parking tokens, and increasing and re-organizing fines. The Commission also discussed the possibility of charging for parking on Saturdays.

Item 5. PAC Terms, Recruitment

The PAC discussed the application of Dave Abbott to become a PAC member. Mr. Fulcher moved that the PAC recommend to the City Commission that Mr. Abbott be appointed to the PAC. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Joan Redeen reported that the Downtown Business Improvement District has sent a letter to the City Commission asking that it extend the terms of the PAC members who will be term limited this spring until their positions can be filled.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Business Parking in Residential Parking District

Mr. Nellis explained a request from Tom Cave for a residential parking permit for an employee of his accounting firm, which is located at 203 Park Drive North, on the western edge of the residential parking district. After some discussion of this request it was determined that Mr. Cave could obtain a monthly meter permit, similar to those used elsewhere on the edge of the parking district.

Item 2. Parking Promotions

Joan Redeen asked if the City could donate used parking meters for a project in which artists transform meters and those meters, which are now works of art, are used to collect donations for charities. This led to a broader discussion of National PARK(ing) Day and the parking event that was proposed at the last meeting, and a consensus that the event the PAC discussed in February should be postponed until National PARK(ing) Day.

Finally, the PAC discussed upcoming meeting dates and agreed to change the date of their March meeting to the 31st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fulcher seconded that motion and the meeting was adjourned.