

GREAT FALLS PARKING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of May 23, 2016

The Parking Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Mintsiveris at 3:01 p.m. in the Planning and Community Development Conference Room of the Civic Center.

Members Present: Bill Mintsiveris, Dave Campbell, Kenny Volk

Members Absent: Chuck Fulcher, Dave Snuggs

Staff Present: Craig Raymond, Director P&CD; Tom Micuda, Deputy Director, P&CD; Connie Rosas, Sr. Admin Assistant, P&CD

Others Present: Tena Grigsby, Standard Parking; Cody Proctor, KRTV

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Volk motioned to approve the minutes of the May 9th meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded. All being in favor, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Determination of Meters

The group discussed areas of downtown Great Falls where meters may be able to be removed and enforcement terminated. Some areas do not generate tremendous amounts of revenue and enforcement and the collection of coins in those areas cost money with little to no gain. Mr. Raymond questioned the necessity to enforce time limits if a meter is not present. The group decided to vote on a recommendation to the City Commission at the next Parking Advisory Commission (PAC) meeting regarding which meters to keep and which ones to remove.

Item 2. Residential Enforcement Program

Mr. Mintsiveris stated he would like to see the Residential Parking Program end, including enforcement and renewal of any residential parking passes. Mr. Mintsiveris said that by ceasing to renew parking passes moving forward, the program will phase itself out.

MOTION: To no longer renew residential parking passes or enforce the Residential Parking Program.

Made by: Mr. Mintsiveris

Second: Mr. Volk

Mr. Campbell asked to amend the motion to include the removal of the "3 Hour Parking" signs in the Residential area.

AMENDED MOTION: To no longer renew residential parking passes or enforce the Residential Parking Program, and to remove "3 Hour Parking" signs in the Residential area.

Made by: Mr. Mintsiveris
Second: Mr. Campbell

VOTE: All being in favor, the motion passed.

Item 3. Turning Lights off in Garages

Mr. Raymond discussed lighting in the North and South Garage. The North Garage can have lights turned off during the day; security lights must stay on all day. The South Garage requires lights to be on at all times; it is dark on the main floor even with the lights on. Exterior lights can be turned off, but not the interior lights. Mr. Raymond does not recommend any changes regarding the interior lighting in the South Garage until the lighting setup can be completely improved.

Item 4. Ending Saturday Enforcement

The group discussed ending Saturday enforcement. Mr. Mintsiveris would like to end enforcement, but Mr. Campbell disagreed. He stated that there is very little turnover on Saturdays in front of his store as it is, and ending Saturday enforcement might make the problem worse. Ms. Grigsby stated if enforcement continues on Saturdays, the hours should be changed to enforce later into the day.

Mr. Mintsiveris feels ending Saturday enforcement is a business-friendly move for the Downtown Parking Program. Mr. Raymond reminded the group that expenses and revenues still need to be kept in mind when altering enforcement schedules. Mr. Volk questioned if the salary for the Standard Parking employee to enforce Saturday parking is covered by the citations issued. Ms. Grigsby said the citation revenue does not cover the expense of the salary.

MOTION: End enforcement on Saturdays for July and August.

Made by: Mr. Mintsiveris
Second: Mr. Volk

VOTE: All being in favor, the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Raymond will have estimates for security upgrades in the garages to discuss at the next meeting.

The next PAC meeting will be June 23th, 2016 at 3 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.