

## **Parking Commission Minutes**

April 9, 2019

**Commissioners Present:** Mark Rogers, Jim Chapkis, Tom Messina, Don Walters, Pat Murray, Ann Melbourn, Steve Petersen

**Absent:** Kathleen Tillman, Brad Jordan

**Staff/Advisors Present:** Salina Simpson, Andrea Pierce, Troy Tymesen, Emily Boyd, Terry Cooper

**MOTION:** motion by commissioner Chapkis, seconded by Commissioner Walters to approve the Parking Commission meeting minutes for March 12, 2019. Motion carried.

**A. Amendments to the Agenda:** None

**B. Public Comments:**

- a. Damon Wood lives on B Street behind the Court House. Mr. Wood has had bad experiences parking Downtown with the 300 ft. Rule. Example: stopped at Fine Brewed and then later in the day went to Collective Kitchen and received a citation for not moving 300 ft. He also believes the enforcement vehicle in the middle of the road with flashing lights is a safety hazard. He likes the 2 free hours parking but does not feel CDA needs the free to hour parking. Mr. Wood suggested having meters or install parking ticket machines on-street. Additionally, he suggested offering a monthly parking pass program that could be used in multiple areas. Downtown is a destination and should not have free parking.
  - i. Discussion: Commission discussed the history of meters and the cost of installing meters/ticket machines. Commission is moving towards change in bettering the parking system downtown and potential modifications to the 300 ft. rule.

**C. Announcements**

**a. Commission Comments:**

- i. Commissioner Messina spoke about Atlas Waterfront on Riverview Drive. There is discussion regarding the public parking on Riverview Drive and whether there are going to be time limits, metered parking, etc. It could be a potential topic for the Parking Commission.
- ii. Commissioner Melbourn mentioned she noticed patrons of the skateboard park were parking on the private property and driveways instead of using Memorial Lots.

**b. Staff Comments:**

- i. May 1 new parking rates will be implemented. 4<sup>th</sup> Street lot in Midtown is going to receive more lighting. A small Midtown permit pilot program for residential passes will be launching soon.

**D. Parking Lot Revenue Update**

- a. Parking permits and revenue update.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **300 ft. rule On-Street Downtown**

- i. It is a difficult rule to understand and explain. Courtesy warning states what the 300 ft. rule is. Through the enforcement software the radius was made smaller since it is working “as the crow flies” hopefully this will prevent from ticketing patrons who are moving 300 ft. street distance. Commissioners suggested on generalizing the terms instead of “300 ft.” make it a “block and a half.”

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Parking Lot Signage**

- i. New signage will be posted for May 1. Signage should be posted at the front of the lot. There are a lot of calls that signage is not being seen per Terry. Commission would like to put together a public service announcement and have Diamond do a presentation/video.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 3:00 p.m.