

Meeting Minutes: Farmington Parking Advisory Committee Meeting

Feb 20, 2019

Meeting called to order 7:07 pm

ATTENDEES:

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AGENDA

Revised agenda was approved after deleting item 8. All were in favor.

Minutes from the January 16, 2019 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting were approved. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Chief Demers reported to the committee that the minimal number of violations was consistent with the prior month. He also instructed the parking officer to audit Oakland Street, The Masonic Lodge parking lot and street parking on Farmington Road between Grand River and Shiawassee. Parking demand on Oakland and Farmington Road were within reasonable limits. But, the lot for the Masonic Temple was consistently at or near capacity. The committee reasoned that this represents the need for additional parking in that area should a new tenant of the Masonic Temple discontinue its parking lot easement agreement with the city.

Murphy asked Demers to include an actual parking count in this area for the next report.

Per Gallagher's request from the January meeting, Demers provided clarification for how the \$100 ticket fines were issued. It was determined that the procedure and fine schedule was consistent with the ordinance that was passed by Farmington City Council. A copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall.

There was extensive discussion on this topic. Ultimately, it was clarified that the \$100 fine is issued if a repeat offender has 3 or more tickets in the last 5 years. That's

because the initial start date of 5 years of prior violations was chosen as the default setting in the city's computer system. That seemed like a reasonable timeframe in the process of crafting the ordinance. That said, moving forward if an individual is not ticketed for any violations in 4 years. It restarts the clock and said violator will be considered free of all prior violations.

The final point on this topic involved the question of ticketing the plate or the registered owner of the vehicle. The tickets are issued to the registered owner of the vehicle. So if a plate or ownership of given vehicle changes, only the actual owner is charged the fine.

DISCUSS PROVIDING DATA-DRIVEN PARKING SOLUTIONS IN THE AREA OF WARNER, SCHOOL AND THOMAS STREETS

Murphy - noted that there are no new parking developments in this area of town. Further, there aren't any to be expected for some time to come. To that end, Mantey suggested the committee should remove this recurring item from the agenda until further notice. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION TO DETERMINE THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF A PARKING SPACE IN THE DOWNTOWN.

Mantey suggested discussion on this item should be postponed until the March meeting so that all members of the committee could attend and discuss. All were in favor of postponing this item.

DISCUSS BEST PRACTICE FOR PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Murphy updated the committee on a specific public/private partnership item. He provided details regarding the outcome of a discussion he and Kate Knight, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority, had with the management of the Salem Church. Salem Church, located on Oakland Street, is potentially interested in leasing spaces in their lot to the city when said spaces are not in use by the congregation for services. This would potentially provide up to 30 spaces to the public.

Murphy informed the parking committee that he intends to take a draft of an agreement to Salem Church to help formalize an agreement between the Church and the city. Topics to possibly be included in that agreement will be the cost and improvements to the Church lot. The improvements could include lighting, wayfinding and restriping the parking lot.

Murphy also apprised the committee that there may be a potential opportunity to meet with the Library board to discuss reconfiguring their parking. This would be in an effort to explore greater collaboration with the city and the library. Murphy will report back to the committee with potential meeting dates at the March 2019 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Murphy will update the parking by-laws so it reflects current membership structure.

Demers will patrol Grand River 2-hr parking compliance and report back to the committee.

Demers informed the committee that an individual was living out of his car and parking in an untimed space. Mantey suggested that the individual could be cited for a snowplow violation. Additionally, the committee will discuss possible repercussions for those who improperly use overnight parking in untimed areas.

Gallagher asked that signs that are not used and not enforced should be taken down.

Halas suggested that we discuss Curbside Management. Ideally, the committee will identify a streetside area to test allocation for ride sharing and deliveries.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

No Committee Comments as all comments were covered during the dialogue relative to future items for discussion.

Adjournment 8:07