

Meeting Minutes
Farmington Parking Advisory Committee
Sept 18, 2019

Attendees

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Agenda

1. Roll call - 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the agenda -

Gallagher made a motion to approve. Crutcher Supported. All were in favor. — Approved

3. Approval of the June 2019 Parking Advisory Committee Minutes

Gallagher made a motion to approve. Crutcher Supported. All were in favor.— Approved

4. Public Comment —

Former Farmington Mayor, Tom Buck, introduced Krystal Schwartz and Andrea Chudy who work in the building that he owns located at 33316 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI 48336.

Ms. Schwartz alleged that her vehicle was assaulted by 3 men at approximately 7p.m. on September 6, 2019. She also stated that her vehicle was parked in a public space near the MTC.

Chief Demers said that he would further investigate the incident.

Ms Chudy, Ms Schwartz's employer, stated that she had an idea to

improve the parking safety for her employees. She suggested that she would like to rent space in the North lot from the city.

With regard to Ms. Chudy's request, the Parking Committee recommended that she speak with the city manager's office.

5. Public Safety Update —

A. Enforcement Update-

Chief Demers announced that Michael Geldknocker had been hired by the City of Farmington as the new enforcement officer. Officer Geldknocker's first report indicated that the number of citations issued for his first weeks in service indicate that there is an atmosphere of compliance among motorists who park in Farmington. The exact number of citations issued are available in his report, which is on file in the office of public safety.

B. Newly Installed Observation System-

Chief Demers shared photographs from the newly installed security cameras of the parking areas on Grove St. They indicate that the cameras were fully operational.

C. Farmers Market Test

As a test of the fully operational system, parking was observed during the hours of the Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 17, 2019. The photographs show that there were two vehicles parked in violation of the time limit. The committee suggested providing the data to the Market Master to see if he knew who the offenders were. If the violators are in fact known to the Market Master, it is the committee's recommendation that he issue a warning. A repeated offense will likely result in a citation.

6. Update Ride Sharing

Chief Demers reported that the ride sharing drop off zone sign has been installed in front the Farmington Civic Theater. Halas will provide an update to see if the space is indicated on the LYFT app and report back at

the next parking meeting.

7. Discuss the economic value of a parking space —

Crutcher read a passage from the book, “The High Cost of Free Parking” by Donald Shoup. The passage explored the concept of curbside parking as a rented space. Given that curbside parking can account for as much as 5-8% of total urban land use, the potential to gain tax revenue can be considerable. The committee agreed that this should be considered as more street parking may need to be added to Downtown Farmington in the future.

8. Special Event Parking —

Halas suggested that the DDA “sandwich board” signs be used as way-finders for future downtown events. This tactic would be in addition to the digital maps that are shared through email and social channels. The purpose of physical way-finding for events is to help visitors who are unfamiliar with the locations of downtown lots such as those on Orchard St.

Gallagher said she would follow up with Sean Murphy on this topic.

9. Future items for discussion

Chief Demers will help identify locations for the “sandwich boards.” He will also advise on the timing of set-up and take-down.

Galvin would like to begin an in-depth dialog about parking in the vicinity of the MTC. He would like to review maps, the master plan and would like the help of Kevin Christensen in leading the discussion. He suggested that the committee may need schedule an additional hour specifically for this topic.

10. Committee Comments —

Galvin would like to revisit the Masonic parking agreement relative to the PUD.

The committee would like to review the outcome of Chief Demers' report about Ms. Schwartz allegations.

11. Adjournment 8:09