

# **PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

## **Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

**7:15 a.m.**

**Anoka Public Safety Center Training Room**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Batters, Chair	Jim Neilson, Vice Chair	Gregory Bortnem	Gary Fahnhorst
Steve Jenson	Borgie Bonthuis	Bob Weil	

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Pete Turok

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chief Phil Johanson, Captain Scott Nolan, Sergeant Eric Peterson

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jim Batters called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Batters said that in reviewing the minutes, he noted that on page 3, review of the number of parking permits sold in city lots, the third sentence, it was noted that it was called the Walker Ramp and he believes that this should be called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South Ramp. With that change, a motion was made by Steve Jenson to approve the January 2016 meeting minutes as written. Gregory Bortnem seconded that motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

### **CONSIDERATION OF A 4-WAY STOP AT JEFFERSON STREET AND 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE – Requested by Grant Mattson, 815 Jefferson Street**

Chief Johanson said that Mr. Mattson had stopped by the Anoka Police Department and left a handwritten note requesting two additional stop signs at Jefferson Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, making that intersection a 4-way stop. Chief Johanson made telephone contact with Mr. Mattson who informed him that Jefferson Street was recently reconstructed and was made two feet wider. He believes there has been an increase in traffic volumes since the reconstruction and an increase in speeding vehicles since the reconstruction. Mr. Mattson said the vehicles regularly cut through on Jefferson Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He believes stop signs for east and westbound Jefferson Street would help slow down the speeding vehicles on Jefferson Street. Chief Johanson said that Mr. Mattson told him he would be unable to attend the February meeting because he would be out of state. A map was put up on the overhead projector and the advisory board reviewed the map and had discussion. It was noted by board members that this is an off-set intersection, and that north and southbound 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue are offset at the intersection of Jefferson Street. Board members also noted that there are stop signs at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jefferson Street, and also at 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jefferson Street. A motion was made by Jim Neilson to table this item until the next meeting in case Mr. Mattson wanted to attend the March 16<sup>th</sup> PAB meeting to give further information. That motion was seconded by Jim Batters and passed by unanimous vote.

**REVIEW THE NUMBER OF PARKING PERMITS SOLD IN CITY LOTS.**

**Where will the discount lot permit parking go during reconstruction?**

Chief Johanson said that he had not received the surface city owned parking lot information from the finance department yet, but when he gets it he will share it with the PAB. The Chief also reported that he heard from City Manager Greg Lee that the discount permit lot would be reconstructed sometime between April and July 2016, with hopefully the completion being done by Riverfest on July 9, 2016. Discount lot permit parking will go into the ramp on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue right across the street during the reconstruction of this surface lot.

**PARKING ENFORCEMENT STATS**

The Chief reported that 444 parking tickets were issued in the downtown area on week days and that 115 overnight parking tickets were issued during the month of January. The PAB did not have any questions or comments on that item.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

There was nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregory Bortnem and seconded by Jim Neilson. It was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 a.m.

Respectfully,

*Chief Philip Johanson*

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:15 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Room.