

PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

7:15 a.m.

Anoka Public Safety Center Training Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Batters, Chair
Pete Turok

Jim Neilson, Vice Chair
Steve Jenson

Gregory Bortnem
Borgie Bonthuis

Gary Fahnhorst
Bob Weil

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Phil Johanson, Captain Eric Peterson, and City Manager Greg Lee

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Batters called the meeting to order at 7:14 a.m.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Borgie Bonthuis to approve the February meeting minutes as written. That motion was seconded by Gregory Bortnem and passed by unanimous vote.

REVIEW HOURLY PARKING SCHEME IN CITY HALL EAST PARKING LOT

Chief Johanson introduced City Manager Greg Lee. He reviewed the parking lot reconstruction plans on the east side of City Hall. Lee said that the contractor is scheduled to be done with the reconstruction by RiverFest on Saturday, July 9th. The City Manager said there will be 79 parking stalls available when it is completed. The City Manager said he had two questions for the parking advisory board and wanted their input on those two items. 1. This parking lot currently has a 3-hour time limit. Should it remain the same at 3 hours or should it be changed? After a brief discussion by the PAB, a motion was made by Pete Turok to leave the hourly parking at a 3-hour limit in this lot. That motion was seconded by Gregory Bortnem and passed by unanimous vote. 2. Should the permit parking be returned to the new lot after it is reconstructed, or should it remain on the top floor of the parking ramp where it was temporarily placed during the reconstruction of the lot? After discussion by the PAB, a motion was made by Pete Turok to return the 24 parking stalls (discount lot stalls) to the reconstructed surface parking lot east of the City Hall. That motion was seconded by Jim Neilsen and passed by unanimous vote.

REVIEW HISTORY ON RESERVE PARKING SPACES FOR BOARD MEMBERS AT CITY HALL RIVER PLAZA PARKING LOT

Chief Johanson said that City Clerk Amy Oehlers had received an email from a boards and commission member who was concerned that there was little to no available parking in the River Plaza lot on the night of their commission meeting. The Chief reported that he had no formal request to make a change to this lot, but did review the minutes from the May 2015 PAB meeting in which Board Commissioner Manley Brahs had requested for 3-5 reserved parking spaces for boards and commission members on their meeting nights. At that time in May 2015 the PAB decided not to make any changes to reserve parking spaces for boards and commission members. After discussion by the PAB, it was decided to not take any action on this item.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PARKING SIGNAGE ON 4TH AVENUE ACROSS FROM ANOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Board Member Gregory Bortnem is not making a formal request for a change, but wanted the PAB to weigh in on the history of the parking in this area. Board members said that they remember recommending changes to the parking on the west side of 4th Avenue across the street from Anoka Middle School right after Sandburg Middle School closed and the additional buses were brought into Fred Moore Middle School. The new signage was on the west side of 4th Avenue from Washington Street all the way down to Jefferson Street. The signage limits parking during school pick-up and drop off times so that buses have space to angle park on 4th Avenue. Gregory Bortnem said that he felt that one parking space could be made available to parents of Anoka Middle School students. One parking space could be in front of 1501 4th Avenue, which is the furthest south parking space on the west side of 4th Avenue just north of Washington Street. Board Members said that this house at 1501 4th Ave is currently for sale and some believe it had been sold and that the new owners haven't moved in. Chief Johanson suggested that he would contact the new owner of the property and ask for their input on what they felt the parking scheme should be directly in front of their house. Board members did not take any action on this and the Chief will report back at a future meeting.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT STATS

The Chief reported that 261 overnight parking tickets were issued during the month of April 2016. The board did not have any questions or comments on that item.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairperson Jim Batters told City Manager Greg Lee that some of the no parking signs on the north side of Polk Street between 7th Avenue and 6th Avenue had been knocked down during the winter months. It should be noted that this is right along the south side of Rudy Johnson Park. Jim Batters requested that these no parking signs be reinstalled in this area. Jim Batters also said that the vegetation is overgrown and too close to the corner at the corner of 6th Avenue and Tyler Street and requested that it be trimmed back.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregory Bortnem and seconded by Steve Jenson . It was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 a.m.

Respectfully,

Chief Philip Johanson

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