

Advisory Parking Committee
Meeting of September 6, 2023
151 Martin Street, City Commission Room, Birmingham, MI

Minutes

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

1. Rollcall

Present: Chair Al Vaitas; Jim Arpin, Kevin Kozlowski, Michelle Moody, Lisa Silverman

Absent: Vice-Chair Richard Astrein; Lisa Clark, Kelly Cobb, Mary-Claire Petcoff, Jennifer Yert

Staff: Parking Systems Manager Ford

2. Approval Of Minutes: Meeting Of July 2023

It was noted that the July 2023 APC minutes would be reviewed and approved at the October 2023 meeting along with the September 2023 minutes.

3. Lot 5 Repaving - Completed

PSM Ford presented the item and replied to comments and inquiries from the APC.

An APC member noted that the project addition of catch basins and bioswales was environmentally responsible and would help reduce runoff from the lot into the Rouge River.

4. Brown St. - Short-term Parking Pilot

PSM Ford presented the item and replied to comments and inquiries from the APC.

APC members' discussion was as follows:

- This portion of Brown will be a busier area from a traffic and parking perspective once RH opens;
- Installing sensors to track the parking in the pilot area would provide valuable information on the use of the spaces; and,
- One member noted that she was unsure whether the Michigan Supreme Court ruling regarding chalking tires could affect the use of sensors in the pilot area.

5. N. Old Woodward Construction Update

PSM Ford presented the item and replied to comments and inquiries from the APC.

Two APC members recommended that improvements to the Pierce parking deck's stairwells be prioritized.

6. Park St. Garage Roof – Closed by Fire Department and Code Enforcement

PSM Ford presented the item and replied to comments and inquiries from the APC.

7. Request from APC Member James Arpin

Mr. Arpin advocated for calculating the City's projected total parking demand based off of Table A, zoned usages, and square footages.

PSM Ford replied to comments and inquiries from the APC.

APC members' discussion was as follows:

- Table A in the ordinance is supposed to ensure that sufficient parking is available for all developments in the City. Whether the information in Table A needed to be updated could be a topic of discussion;
- Certain developments were not required to provide their own parking since they were built within the former Parking Assessment District;
- The reports from the parking decks broadly reflect whether the City has sufficient parking capacity;
- While there was a strain on the City's parking system prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, presently the reports from the parking decks indicate that there is excess parking available;
- Parking demand calculations based on square footage and uses would not accurately reflect the City's parking demand since people could be arriving without using cars or could be working from home;
- The City had a parking study done in 2018 that might be able to inform this discussion; and,
- The APC should have an agenda item to review Table A.

8. Misc. Communication

- a. APS Fund Balance
- b. September APS Update – Reports

9. Meeting open to the public for items not on the agenda

The APC welcomed Ms. Moody.

10. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.



Aaron Ford, Parking Systems Manager

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

APPROVED