

City of Birmingham  
ADVISORY PARKING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING

Birmingham City Hall Commission Room  
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017

**MINUTES**

These are the minutes for the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. by Chairman Lex Kuhne.

**Present:** Chairman Lex Kuhne  
Gayle Champagne  
Steven Kalczynski  
Judith Paskiewicz  
Al Vaitas

**Absent:** Anne Honhart  
Lisa Krueger

**SP+ Parking:** Catherine Burch  
Sara Burton  
Jason O'Dell

**Administration:** Austin Fletcher, Asst. City Engineer  
Paul O'Meara, City Engineer  
Carole Salutes, Recording Secretary

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS (none)

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2016

Chairman Kuhne made the correction that Ms. Paskiewicz and Mr. Vaitas should be changed to Dr. Paskiewicz and Dr. Vaitas.

**Motion by Ms. Champagne**

**Seconded by Dr. Paskiewicz to approve the Minutes of the APC Meeting of December 21, 2016 with the change.**

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

VOICE VOTE:

Yeas: Champagne, Paskiewicz, Kalczynski, Kuhne, Vaitas

Nays: None

Absent: Honhart, Krueger

W. MERRILL ST. PARKING METER LIMIT

Mr. O'Meara reported that people who use the Community House on a regular basis are unhappy with the meter situation. They seek to increase the time limits for parking meters around the Community House from two (2) hours to up to three (3) hours. Doing so would allow people to attend events held there without receiving tickets.

After reviewing the issue with both the Community House and the Library, it is believed a solution is workable. The recommendation is to change the metered spaces on the south side on Merrill St. between Chester St. and S. Bates St. from two (2) hours to a four (4) hour limit and leave the two (2) hour limit on the north side.

Ms. Kathy Nineman from the Community House said the change would be greatly appreciated. There are a number of elderly citizens who come to the Community House on a regular basis and with the two (2) hour limit it is an inconvenience for them to have to go back and feed the meters.

Mr. Doug Koschik, Director of the Library, indicated they have no objections to the request. Some people are at the library for much less than two (2) hours and some are there much longer. Dr. Paskiewicz noted it seems to her there is a lot of in and out on those parking places. So she is surprised that the Library doesn't think the change would cause an impact. Mr. Kalczynski was concerned this would be setting a precedent where these kinds of requests would be coming from other parts of the City.

It was discussed that someone could feed a four (4) hour meter once and be there all day. Employees who work in town could use a meter all day long and the spaces won't turn over.

The Chairman noted that from this committee's experience the four (4) hour meters won't be available to Community House patrons when they show up for lunch. It is a matter of who gets there first rather than who needs those eight (8) spots most. Turnover is greater with two (2) hour meters. Mr. Kalczynski

observed there is always so much turnover of cars at the Library it seems that four (4) hour parking would be a detriment to the Library operation.

**Motion by Dr. Vaitas to recommend to the City Commission to increase the time limit for the eight (8) metered spaces on the south side of Merrill St. between Chester St. and S. Bates St. from two (2) to four (4) hours.**

**Motion died for lack of a second.**

Mr. Koschik indicated he has not brought this matter to the Library Board. Ms. Paskiewicz requested that he take it to the Board for discussion. Chairman Kuhne noted this committee doesn't want to make a change and then have the problem they think is going to be fixed not fixed, or worse.

Mr. O'Meara said SP+ can do a survey on what is happening during morning hours for the committee. Mr. Koschik recalled the first big parking issue was when certain streets were restricted for residential parking. That had an impact on some Community House patrons who could no longer park on those streets. The second issue was the change in handicap parking rules.

The consensus was to put this matter over until the committee receives more information.

#### AD HOC PARKING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. O'Meara recalled that in early January the Ad Hoc Parking Development Committee met to look at the document that is intended to be issued to developers. The first step will be to get the credentials of potential developers that would want to participate in order to get down to a select group that would be viable for a project at the N. Old Woodward Parking Structure site. The next step will be to entertain more detailed proposals from that select group. The document was introduced to the City Commission at last week's Long Range Planning Meeting and he thinks it will go to a meeting this month for an approval from the Commission.

#### MERRILL ST. LOADING ZONE UPDATE

Mr. O'Meara advised that the Police Dept. and he have met with Mr. Richard Weingartner regarding the truck loading issue. It is apparent that making a loading zone as was discussed would not have entirely solved the problem. The City is heavily enforcing the No Standing zone at the Merrillwood residential entrance, and the building management is happier that this is making a difference.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. O'Meara stated that the Peabody St. Structure elevator is being renovated and will be completely shut down until mid-March. Seven temporary handicap spaces have been added on the first floor to help with the situation.

Bids have been opened for painting the Park St. Structure. It will be a split project that will start later this year, stop for winter, and then finish in the Spring. The cost will be just short of \$1 million.

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. O'Meara advised that revenues are still very strong compared to a year ago. On March 1, the increase in monthly permit rates will begin. New parking meters are now being manufactured.

Mr. O'Dell noted that the Chester St. Structure has been busier than normal in January. At this time all of the garages are pretty busy. Piled up snow also reduces spaces.

### MEETING OPEN FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (none)

### NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

March 1, 2017

### ADJOURNMENT

No further business being evident, the chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul O'Meara  
City Engineer