

City of Birmingham
Advisory Parking Committee
Regular Meeting

Held Remotely Via Zoom And Telephone Access
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Minutes

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Al Vaitas.

1. Rollcall

Present: Chair Al Vaitas (Bloomfield Hills, MI)
Vice-Chair Richard Astrein (Huntington Woods, MI)
Aaron Black
Steven Kalczynski
Lisa Krueger (arrived 7:36 a.m.)
Judith Paskiewicz
Mary-Claire Petcoff
Jennifer Yert

All located in Birmingham, MI unless otherwise noted.

Absent: Anne Honhart
Lisa Silverman

Administration: Scott Grewe, Patrol Commander
Mike Albrecht, Police Commander
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist
Jim Surhigh, Consulting City Engineer (left at 8:30 a.m.)
Scott Zielinski, Assistant City Engineer

MKSK: Matt Manda
Brad Strader
Haley Wolfe

2. Introductions

CCE Surhigh, ACE Zielinski, and the team from MKSK were introduced to the APC by PC Grewe.

3. Review of the Agenda

4. Approval Of Minutes: Meeting Of June 2, 2021

Motion by Mr. Astrein

Seconded by Mr. Kalczynski to approve the minutes of the regular APC meeting of June 2, 2021 as submitted.

Motion carried, 4-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Astrein, Vaitas, Petcoff, Kalczynski

Nays: None

Abstain: Black, Paskiewicz, Yert

5. Phase Three, S. Old Woodward Reconstruction

The team from MKSK and CCE Surhigh presented the item.

A few APC members noted that local businesses had been concerned about a proposed loss of metered parking in this area in the past. They said business owners in the area might express the same concerns in regards to these plans.

Mr. Strader explained MKSK would be soliciting feedback on the plans from both the businesses in the area and from the public at large.

In reply to Mr. Kalczynski, PC Grewe stated that while he did not have exact figures on-hand it seemed that Phases One and Two had been a success. He said that he had received fewer complaints regarding pedestrian safety and that accidents were most likely down. While acknowledging that lessened parking demand resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic may have been a factor, he noted he had not received any complaints regarding reduced parking availability in the areas impacted by Phases One and Two.

The MKSK team noted that they were proposing the relocation of some of the parking lot driveways along this stretch of S. Old Woodward for safety reasons.

Ms. Krueger was in favor of that proposal, stating that relocating some of those driveways would improve the safety of both pedestrians and drivers.

Dr. Paskiewicz thanked the presenters.

PC Grewe stated that if any APC members had further thoughts on the designs after the meeting they could forward those to him and he would forward them on to the design team.

6. Meeting Open to the Public for items not on the Agenda

7. Miscellaneous Communications

PC Grewe notified that the August 2021 APC meeting would likely be held in person. He said he would keep them up to date should that change.

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 4, 2021

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9. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Patrol Commander Scott Grewe

APPROVED