

**Advisory Parking Committee
Meeting of February 1, 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, February 1, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Vaitas.

1. Rollcall

Present: Chair Al Vaitas, Vice-Chair Richard Astrein; Jim Arpin, Kelly Cobb, Kevin Kozlowski, Mary-Claire Petcoff, Lisa Silverman, Jennifer Yert

Absent: Lisa Clark

Staff: Parking Systems Manager Ford; City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn

SP+: Catherine Burch, Annie Jay

2. Introductions

3. Review of the Agenda

4. Approval Of Minutes: Meeting Of November 2, 2022

Motion by VC Astrein

Seconded by Mr. Kozlowski to accept the minutes of November 2, 2022 as submitted.

Motion carried, 8-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Vaitas, Kozlowski, Astrein, Petcoff, Arpin, Cobb, Silverman, Yert

Nays: None

5. Moped parking

PSM Ford presented the item and answered brief informational questions from the APC.

A number of APC members commented that bicycle racks would be useful in some of the spaces since bicycles are more commonly used in town than mopeds. APC members said they also thought it would be acceptable to allow motorcycle parking in the moped spaces.

PSM Ford said he would communicate the APC's feedback to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board (MMTB).

6. Misc. Communication

PSM Ford provided a brief update on the garage entry equipment.

The Chair said he had a good experience with the equipment.

In reply to VC Astrein, PSM Ford noted that bluetooth or the app would prevent a user from having to roll down their vehicle windows and reach the equipment.

VC Astrein asked that the Chester Street garage be switched back to two entry and two exit lanes.

PSM Ford provided updates on garage construction. Ms. Burch reported on upcoming cleaning of the garages.

The Chair thanked Staff for cleaning up the dead spruce trees at the rear of Lot 6.

PSM Ford stated that DPS intended to plant new trees in the rear of Lot 6.

Mr. Arpin stated that he was advocating for total parking supply and demand numbers in the City based on square footage and uses according to Table A of the ordinances¹.

PSM Ford noted that request would require a lot of Staff time, and would therefore need to be requested by the City Commission.

When the Chair noted the demand total would be imprecise, Mr. Arpin concurred and advocated for an approximate reference number.

Ms. Burch noted that the City commissioned a parking study by Nelson Nygaard in 2018 that contained information relevant to the discussion. She also noted that the APC would have to consider whether and how to include private parking.

Mr. Kozlowski noted that there was not an objective ratio of parking spaces required per business square footage, citing the parking differences between strip malls and Manhattan, New York City, New York as proof. He said trends in parking post-Covid remained unclear, but that the City seemed presently to have sufficient capacity. He said another parking study in a few years may be appropriate.

Dr. Silverman expressed concern about the removal of parking south of downtown.

Ms. Petcoff said it would be appropriate to review Table A in a few years to see whether it reflects post-pandemic parking conditions.

Mr. Cobb noted that meter occupancy could likely be determined based on revenues and cost per hour. He said that combined with the garage occupancy could provide an general indication of the City's parking supply and demand.

The Chair said that might be a good way to start.

a. Citation Information

¹ As amended at the May 3, 2023 meeting.

PSM Ford provided the APC with information on citations and answered brief informational questions from the APC.

PSM Ford said he would take the topic to Chief Grewe to determine whether repeat offenders could be discouraged in additional ways, including potential fine increases or potential increased impounding of repeat offenders' vehicles.

Mr. Kozlowski observed that there were very few frequent repeat offenders. He said those individuals probably had a limited impact on the parking system as a whole. He noted that they probably parked in the same space regularly and that enforcement could target those areas if they wanted to deter the behavior.

Ms. Petcoff recommended that the City inform businesses that parking enforcement would be increasing in order to discourage employees from occupying the on-street parking spaces.

b. December APS Update

In reply to Mr. Arpin, Ms. Jay explained that SP+ did counts at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. every day to determine average daily occupancy of each garage.

Ms. Jay and PSM Ford confirmed the new garage entry equipment would be able to generate its own occupancy reports.

7. Meeting open to the public for items not on the agenda
8. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Aaron Ford, Parking Systems Manager



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist