

City of Birmingham
Advisory Parking Committee
Regular Meeting

Birmingham City Hall Commission Room
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan
Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Minutes

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022. 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 Arpin¹
Kelly Cobb
Steven Kalczynski
Judith Paskiewicz
Lisa Silverman
Mary-Claire Petcoff
Jennifer Yert

Absent: Lisa Krueger

Administration: Aaron Ford, Parking Manager
Nick Dupuis, Planning Director
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist
Greg Wald, Services Commander

SP+: Catherine Burch

2. Introductions

The APC welcomed PM Ford.

3. Review of the Agenda

4. Approval Of Minutes: Meetings Of May 4, 2022

Motion by Dr. Paskiewicz
Seconded by Vice-Chair Astrein to accept the minutes of May 4, 2022 as amended.

¹ As amended at the 9/14/22 meeting.

Motion carried, ~~7-0.~~ 8-0.²

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Paskiewicz, Silverman, Cobb, Vaitas, Kalczynski, Astrein, Petcoff, Arpin³

Nays: None

5. Wilders Bistro – Outdoor Dining

PD Dupuis presented the item.

Conversation arose regarding the APC's desire for dining deck permittal criteria.

PD Dupuis noted that more general discussions about criteria should be handled separately from the present item.

PM Ford recommended that dining deck permittal criteria be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Victor Saroki, architect, and Sami Eid, owner, spoke on behalf of the project.

APC members commented that:

- There was a need to be aware that the two neighboring restaurants to the north may also request dining decks;
- That it was not appropriate to hold this request back just because the City has not finished developing its dining deck criteria or its master plan process, or based on potential future plans of other establishments;
- That the area around this deck was somewhat congested and that there may be safety concerns arising from the dining deck increasing pedestrian traffic with no very close crosswalk; and,
- A parking space would be gained as part of this proposal.

Motion by Vice-Chair Astrein

Seconded by Dr. Silverman to accept the proposal for an outdoor dining deck for Wilders Bistro.

Motion carried, ~~7-0.~~ 8-0.⁴

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Paskiewicz, Silverman, Cobb, Vaitas, Kalczynski, Astrein, Petcoff, Arpin⁵

Nays: None

6. 2021-2022 Construction Assessment Progress

² As amended at the 9/14/22 meeting.

³ As amended at the 9/14/22 meeting.

⁴ As amended at the 9/14/22 meeting.

⁵ As amended at the 9/14/22 meeting.

PM Ford presented the item.

The Chair thanked PM Ford for the update.

7. Meeting Open to the Public for Items not on the Agenda

In reply to Vice-Chair Astrein, PM Ford explained that SP+ had a vacant maintenance position that they were working to fill. He said there were discussions about potentially outsourcing the maintenance responsibilities, including power washing, until the position could be filled.

In reply to Dr. Paskiewicz, PM Ford said Staff would see if there were any ways to improve connectivity issues reported as occurring with the Parkmobile application near Lot 6.

The APC agreed to schedule the September 2022 meeting for the second week of September as opposed to the first.

In reply to Mr. Arpin, Chair Vaitas said proposed items for future agendas could be sent to himself and PM Ford.

8. Miscellaneous Communications

PM Ford reviewed the items.

- Parking System Update: Waitlist, Occupancy and Revenue

In reply to APC comment, PM Ford said he would update how the waitlist and revenue information is presented.

- RFP/Bids for Parking Access Revenue Control System (PARCS)

In reply to Mr. Arpin, PM Ford said Staff could make a list of nearby parking garages using the bidders' technology in order for APC members to go experience the different options.

- Role of APC

In reply to APC comment, PM Ford said it could be an ongoing conversation between himself and the APC about which decisions should be made with APC consultation and which decisions could be made by Staff without APC consultation.

9. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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Aaron Ford

Parking Manager Aaron Ford



Laura Eichenhorn
City Transcriptionist

APPROVED