

**Billings Parking Board
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021**

This meeting was held over a Zoom and In Person due to Phase II of Covid-19.

Board Members Present by Zoom:

Board Member Present in person: David Fishbaugh, Todd Morgan, Brandon Scala, Joni Harmon, Mark Kary

Ad Hoc Board Member Present : Mehmet Casey

Board Members Absent: Larry Matthews, Kallie Parsons, Sean Lynch,

City Staff Present: Tracy Scott, Jennifer Mockel

City Staff Present Over Zoom :

Call to Order: David called the meeting to order @ 2:01 pm

Minutes:

The May 12, 2021, minutes were approved by Brandon, seconded by Mark and approved by the Board.

Reports:

• **Monthly Reports**

Tracy presented the May 2021 reports to the Board. There was a slight increase in the garages for Monthly parkers. No change in the lots; the cash sales did go down slightly. Both the validations and Empire Garage sales have increased.

• **Operating Report**

Comparing last year to this year, things have improved. Expenses are more in personal services; some of that is due to the department being furloughed and a position that was not filled.

• **Credit Card Analyze Report/PBP Report**

The Pay By Phone app report showed some usage in the EV charging stations. Not much has changed with the Credit Card and Pay By Phone usage. David asked if the percentage

between the Credit Card usage and Pay By Phone is the same. Tracy will look at the percentage and see if there is an increase or a difference.

Downtown Alliance Report

Mehmet reported that the flowers baskets are going up. They are also displaying the names of who is sponsoring, dedicating or in memory of the baskets. The light bike installation is still being worked on. The BID is still working with the TIF program and grants for different projects.

The two-way conversation plans to be done the end of June. Dakota is working with the Parking Department and DBA with the process/signs and meters. There is talk about what will be removed and added. The Engineering Department is hoping to get it all done by July 4th.

The DBA is doing a Spotlight Social on Thursday, July 17, 2021.

The DBA cops were in San Diego recently to present their MAAP program and gave a presentation about it. Joni asked if the homeless shelter at the Western Hotel was still being funded. Mehmet stated that it was funded for a year, and he hopes that the Housing Authority will continue to pay for it.

David asked Mehmet about the Parklet and if things were installed; both Doc Harper and The Sassy Biscuit are the only Parklets that were approved. The Sassy Biscuit needs to wait till the chip sealing is done. The hope is to have it installed in July.

The Pre-Father's Day Golf tournament is happening June 12th. The Strawberry Festival is happening on July 10th, followed by the Farmers Market. Alive After Five will start in August.

Public Comment (3 Minutes)

Discussion Items:

- **RideShare**

The Board received a map that shows the loading zone areas; the Parking Division did send a design to a company to make the signs and permits. There was discussion about where they would be installed and how many. The Board liked the wording of Curbside Pick Up for the permits and signs. Mark asked if Parking can get the revenue from the Delivery permits and if that can be increased. Tracy will ask the Finance Department and report back to the Board.

Agenda/Action Items

- Special Parking
 - Yarn Bar

The Yarn Bar is requesting to have one 10 min spot. They currently have 2 loading and unloading spaces in front of their new location on 2nd Ave N.

Mark approved to remove one of the loading zones and replace it with a 10 min spot, Larry seconded and approved by the board.

Additional comments/discussion:

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Budget Information

Fees and Signage for RideShare

Meeting Adjournment:

David adjourned meeting at 2:50.

Next Meeting scheduled on July 14, 2021 @ 2:00 pm.