

**Billings Parking Board
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016**

Board Members Present: Leticia Hadley; David Fishbaugh; Kelly Donovan; Brian Rossiter; Kevin Odenthal

Board Members Absent: Joni Harman

City Staff Present: Tracy Scott; Megan Hodson

Guests: Lisa Harmon; Greg Krueger

Call to Order:

Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m., since there was no official Chairperson.

Introduction of new Board Members:

Brian Rossiter, is a Structural Engineer, at Beaudette Consulting Engineers. He is a member of Billings TrailNet, the DBA, and is also the Chair of the Downtown Billings Public Art Committee. He wishes to continue to expand into other areas of civic service and is encouraged to help develop downtown Billings into a livable and family-friendly atmosphere. He also leases a space in the Empire Garage.

Kevin Odenthal works at Northwest Scientific. He is a member of Billings TrailNet, and has worked extensively with the City/County Planning Departments to help provided bicycle parking facilities downtown and at the Metra. He lives in the Medical Corridor, which is north of downtown Billings. He is excited to be a part of shaping policies that will encourage the use and vitality of downtown Billings.

Reports:

- Garage Summary

Tracy explained Park One roof spaces decreased and the covered spaces increased. There is no waitlist at Park One. Park Two increased in covered and roof spaces. Park Three and the Empire had no change. The waitlist is being worked on for the Empire. The North and South 27th Lot waitlist has been exhausted. Parking is currently using the two vacant spaces in the lots for snow removal.

Tracy advised the Library Lot decreased from prior month. The lot has cost a lot to manage and hopefully will increase.

The Park and Shops, Crowne Plaza validations, and the tokens all increased. There were no tokens collected in the garages.

The Board asked for clarification on the token program. Tracy advised the green meters are collected separately from the other meters. The money that is collected from the green meters and the tokens are split between the City and the DBA. The DBA manages the token program.

The Board discussed increasing the overselling of Park One and adding "Hourly" parking back into the garage. Tracy advised if "Hourly" parking were to be added back into the garage, the gate control system would have to be upgraded. Greg mentioned using TIF money to help with upgrading the either the gate control systems or on-street parking, which was recommended in the Strategic Plan.

Downtown Alliance Report:

- Working on the relocation of St. Vincent De Paul charity office, however the thrift store would stay at the same location.
- The Art Walk is the biggest in the State, with 36 stops in the downtown area.
- Won an award for the open container and public intoxication issue. The individuals are choosing treatment instead of going to jail.
- There will be a membership event on February 25 at a new meeting space, located at 2905 Montana Avenue.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Agenda/Action Items:

- Elect Board Chair/Vice Chair

The Board approved the motion to elect David Fishbaugh as the Chairperson and as the representative on the Downtown Partnership Board (DPB). Greg will send David information on the DPB meetings. Staff will set up a meeting with Dave to create the agenda for the next meeting.

The Board discussed nominating Joni as the Vice Chair.

- Meeting Date/Time

The Board agreed to have the next meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m., at First Montana Title.

Adjournment: 2:06 p.m.