

**PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 9th, 2011**

Members Present:

Don Olsen, Chairperson	Bruce Simon	Leticia Moore
Nick Blake	Bob Carr	Drew Smith
Will Gilbert	Scott Godfrey	Steve Bruggeman

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Chris Mallow	Lori Dilworth	Joe Dwyer-Teamsters
Bruce McCandless		

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NOTES:

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS:

June 2011 Monthly Report

Meter Reduction Report

Joe Dwyer was present to make a public comment, however it didn't technically qualify as public comment and should be in this portion of the minutes. Joe would like to go on the record opposing staff recommendation on reduction of staff and converting P1 & P2 into monthly garages, all is scheduled for public comment at a later date. He states that the meter reduction numbers are not exactly correct.

The question was asked what would a customer do if he or she forgot to swipe out. Chris explained that the customer forgot to swipe out, then they would simply pull a ticket and when departing the garage, they would use their card to swipe out. When the gates are up after 6:30 is the time that most people forget to use their card.

Our income isn't matching our expenses and if we don't do something about it we are going to go broke, if we don't do a meter reduction and an enforcement reduction. The City Counsel does not want us to seem more aggressive on collecting revenue and neither would the businesses downtown want to see that, so we need to find other ways to generate revenue. ??The city council from taking 233,000 dollars of revenue out of our enterprise fund every year and transferring it into the general fund, it is creating an additional burden for us and it is harder to balance the books and we cannot get the city council to address the problem.

Chris talked about the monthly report for June and July 2011. In June Park 1 validations were up due to a lot of parking shops using temporary workers, these tickets were validated everyday. Park 2 was way up in June and this is when the Exxon mobile & EPA were working out of the Crowne Plaza, along with

the rise in the Crowne Plaza validations. We rented 121 spaces in Park 1 garage to Exxon Mobile which made it over capacity, so the garage will be totally full for 2 months. Chris also stated that the 10 hour permits are a little off from this time last year, because of people either biking or walking to save money.

Compliments were given to Chris for the meter reduction report. The question was asked of Chris about how he felt about the numbers being accurate and he responded by saying he had his staff

Discussion was brought up about the changing of the courtesy tickets. Currently the first ticket is free every 6 months. If it was changed to only giving 1 courtesy ticket a year instead of 2, it would generate a lot of revenue. We would be creating turnover downtown so our customers would be able to find a place to park.

It was suggested that we have a public meeting with the stake holders to inform them of what we will be proceeding with. It was asked of Chris to get a map that has boundaries for the DBA to be able to give to the public. One meeting would be to get suggestions and then the second meeting to get the voice of how they think the trial is going from the public. Chris and Bruce are to set up a meeting with Lisa.

Renaming for City-owned parking garages

It was suggested that we don't need to spend \$13,700 to change the names. We should just let it go for awhile. P1 is only 18 months old, P2 has not been replaced in a long time, P3 and P4 has been there since the buildings have been built. Not really a sign problem, would probably not really change or help any problem.

Review of Technology Audit Draft Final Report

Financial Statements

It is an unaudited financial statement, with month 13.

OLD BUSINESS:

The question was asked about what was going on with the skybridge. Chris replied and said they are working over night to do the sand blasting and the zinc covering, so that there is no risk to the public. They are on schedule and should be completed by the end of September. They plan on moving over to the E. section taking out the glass, it could possibly be a 2-3 day hold up due to OSHEA. The west side will not be completed before they move to the east side. Chris will talk to them about the barricades before they move. It was discussed that the walk way is built so far out, that they need to cut the south side back a little to make it on coming traffic more visible when pulling out of the garage.

Dehler Park was also discussed. Chris has been trying to get an idea on when they are going to start, they sub contracted out to Arrow Striping. The plan is to be done by the end of August, 2011.

An update on the Park 2 repairs is that the curbing is anchored and the precast panels will be ordered and should take about 3 weeks to receive with only 1 day to install and should be completed by the end of September or the beginning of October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Downtown Alliance Report

There will be a meeting with 1st Interstate Bank later this month to discuss the potential sell of Park 4, so see if they still want to purchase it or not, or have the city carry the note for a while. Chris should know something by the beginning of September. If they possibly come back at a higher price, the city will have to see if they are willing to finance the loan and United Properties will put it in writing.

Informational Items

It was brought up that Palo Alto, CA just has 2 hour parking. Also, Bozeman has no parking meters on main street and parking in the garages are free, the downtown area of Bozeman was busy.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.