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Minutes

Downtown Parking Advisory Committee

(DPAC) Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Staff Liaison: Drew Dietrich

3:33 pm DPAC Meeting

Roll Call: John Picarazzi, Brittany Counts, Scott Douglass, Doug Watson, Dee Dee Cochran, Jen Lee, Jon Welter, Suzy Reininger, Michael Walker, Mindy Aisling

CET, DBBA, Library, Diamond Parking, Parks - ex officio

1. Review Minutes

Approved.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Mindy Aisling updated committee: door to door communication with businesses and employees has been done. Couple of events have been hosted. She said they are receiving feedback. She will have results next meeting of a survey regarding safety and why people feel unsafe.

4. 2018 Recap

Enforcement hours extended to 8 am – 7 pm; 4 hours maximum parking in Mirror Pond lots; virtual permits; ParkMobile; new permit rates effective as of January 1st; license plate reader; website updates.

Receiving bids for South Mirror Pond Parking Lot. Selecting contractors within the month. Outreach will be done to adjacent businesses and visitors. Target date: 90 day window, done by June. Will lose 100 spaces while under construction.

CIP: Kimley Horn is going through final review. Numbers were inserted into parking budget for next 2 years. Have never had a Capital Improvement Plan before. Plan was informed by study and has 5 and 10 year schedules.

Communication: Outreach events have been held, videos have been created, and social media has been utilized.

Signage/ infrastructure: New signs going up. Have fixed lots of little things. Garage exhaust fan was replaced.

Safety/Security: Worked with police and created a substation in the parking garage. Information from survey will help guide actions/outreach.

Terence/Diamond Parking: signs going up. Most of the changes are a sticker on existing signs to reflect new hours. Lots not done yet. Streets by end of week. Calls have been received regarding 4 hour max in Mirror Pond lots, being misinterpreted to mean 4 hours free. 65 new permits at garage. On-street: 45 less permits so far. Permit Point system. Can purchase permits online now. Email will be out this week.

Drew: as soon as signs up, then ParkMobile will go live. Will push out message at that time. Want to educate rather than enforce. Instead of traditional warnings informational cards will be handed out. Informational card for first violation and second, then a printed warning for the third time and for the fourth time a citation will be issued. Can modify and change as warranted. Stressing education and compliance. Social media will be used to get the word out. In May, there will be another reengagement.

Comment on card: Kansas is a through street. Map does not show this.

Drew wanted the committee to know that Bend-LaPine School District put up signs in their lots this week stating school parking only. Drew is working with City regarding employee parking. Can park in other permit zones for now. Library also looking into. Working with Jen with G5.

Doug Watson said he hopes the signs states during business hours. Drew said we have no control over private property. Can request of others but their decision.

Working with Journey and Pacific Power regarding Newport lot. 4 fast electric vehicle charging and 2 others are planned. Jersey barrier removal opened up 12 spaces. Hopefully can put in some hourly spaces.

Task of committee: Educate public of changes.

New funding options, cohesive pricing, evaluating safety impediments, established business and residential outreach, variable rates for on street permits. Reduced number of different signs. Core (instead of zones) established. Enforcement best practices. (Court mentioned that down on citations from last year).

For 2019. What we will look at. Drew suggested the following: ID off street shared-use opportunities. Eliminate free parking for the first two hours at Mirror Pond Lots. Create new parking brand. Rename public parking facilities. Eliminate free parking in parking garage and look at safety. Develop and implement improvements at the downtown parking garage. Establish wayfinding and dynamic signed. Can talk about other strategies too if want.

5. 2019 Visioning

What do you want? Think about it and let Drew know. Suggestion to let what we have put in place mature. There will be a 6 month implementation period for employees to transition.

Scott - now is opportunity to refresh our priorities. Low hanging fruit for safety. Lighting coming but still a year out. If piecemeal, might be frustrating. How do you put metrics behind some of strategies? Evaluate next steps as we look at how effective changes already made are working. What about next summer?

6. Discussion

Mike – be proactive but need to look at if changes made are effective; however, things are always changing. Increase in numbers of employees. Construction. In a perfect world: do not make huge changes but show how changes have been positive.

Scott – good communication and education. Have not talked about impact of special events downtown. DBBA board is requesting from School Board a variance to use Troy field for a few special events.

Drew – create a cohesive special events policy as relates to parking. Companion to the special events policy. Have Mindy and Scott do a brief primer on downtown special events to committee. Draft primer of policy beforehand. Mike mentioned Farmer's Market's impact on parking. Prior to event season.

Shared use opportunities. Drew would love for Mike to work on this. Is it an opportunity and if so, how big of an opportunity? What is opportunity? How want to approach? What is process? Anyone else interested? Start talking to businesses and see reaction. Before have discussion, what is time frame being considered – day or night. Drew will send out email.

Times change. Strategies may change.

Visioning: establishing the why

Prioritization: identifying the what

Implementation: executing the how

Think about where we want to go from here.

Special events short run.

Mid term – shared use approach. Drew will come back with what he is working on. Sustainability, reasonable goal.

Dee Dee – we just made a huge change. Take a break and evaluate data.

Mindy – move slowly. Continue education. Vision of downtown important.

Mike – credibility

Doug - ongoing credible capacity plan. Use Diamond's data.

Scott – but we need to do something. Vision.

Drew – we can monitor while still be doing visioning.

Mike asked about budget. CIP with budget.

Drew – CIP and revenue forecast. Maybe March or April.

7. Adjourned at 5:05pm