

Parking Committee Notes
Feb. 5, 2009 – 9:30 am – Trinity House

Members Present: Jim Auxer, Howard Mills, G.T. Schramm, Deborah Dickinson, Brooke Brining, Lori Robertson, Tim Johnson and Mary Capistran

Agenda

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1. Meeting was called to order by GT Schramm – at 9:35 – agenda approved
2. Brooke suggested that the line “wrong direction on one way street” be removed from the minutes of Dec. 2, 2008, with that change the minutes were approved.
3. No Appeals:
4. Discussion of 90 Minute Parking. Members of the Police Department reiterated that the 90 minute zones are difficult to enforce. Enforcement is time consuming and difficult to enforce in court. One alternative is to put 90 minute parking meters in most of the places that have 90 minute zones. This program would be much easier to enforce, take less time to enforce and would increase revenue. Concerns were raised around the following issues:
 1. Residents cannot park in 90 minute zones without charge
 2. There would have to be provision for employee and nonprofit parking. One suggestion was to color coat some meters for residences and employees.
 3. Some residents might not want meters in front of their houses.
5. Follow up discussion on multiple unpaid tickets: (last meeting discussion) “Discussion of cars remaining in the same spot with multiple parking tickets that are unpaid. The present practice is that with 3 tickets unpaid after a 30 day period, a letter is sent to the person in violation and if the tickets are not paid the car is booted. There appears to be some confusion about the whole subject and Brooke was asked to work with the Town Attorney and prepare a statement of a policy that would allow the town to boot or tow a vehicle immediately after the third unpaid ticket if the car is in the same spot without a residential permit. The Parking Committee also recommends that the boot fine be doubled to \$100 and that a warrant for arrest be issued for the unpaid tickets. “It was reported that the town would not be able to issue warrants to the owner of a vehicle.

6. The Parking Committee recommends to the Town Council that the Town Ordinance be changed to make the boot fine \$100.
7. Chris Hutzler will be asked to consult with the Police Department to see what could be done to make the parking spreadsheet easier and quicker to use.
8. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am – Date for next meeting