

PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

9:45 AM

Members Present: J. Auxer, Lori Robertson, Meredith Wait

Staff Present: Mike King, Theresa Conchar, and Frank Welch

Absent: GT Schramm

Guests Present: None

I. Mayor – if there is no objection the meeting is called to order at 9:45AM. No objections.

II. Mayor – if there is no objection the Agenda and the minutes of the last meeting are approved. No objections.

III. Appeals: None

IV. Old Business:

A. Parkmoblie – update

T. Conchar – spoke to PM and their recommendation for us was to step up to a new phone. T. Conchar doesn't think we need to step up, she thinks we are good to go after she was shown an easier way to access the information she needs while walking around town.

B. Parking permit renewal – this is done.

V. New Business:

a. Parking proposal from Sgt. Mike King

M. King spoke to this and stated that while SU is in session 90-minute parking is a nightmare to enforce, and the town makes no money. It's labor intensive to enforce. There are areas in town where the meters aren't being used, or used very little; the cul-de-sac on Washington Street, and High St. by the ballpark. His idea is to make the 90-minute and Free parking a permitted area, and can sell permits. The permits would be active from 7AM-3PM, then after 3PM it would be free parking. We could create a Semester hanger for \$100 for students (per semester). He checked the pricing for the hangers - \$1.13 each. He will have to check how many spaces would be involved. This way the town would be getting the money up front.

F. Welch- could possibly mark the parking spaces.

M. King – areas also to look at would be N. Mill between German and High Streets. JSB there is a 15-minute space-make it permitted.

Mayor – how do we make it clear? Maybe put a meter in that 15 min. spot.

M. King – right now the 15 min. space is M-F. Make the permits 7am-3pm.

M. Wait – we don't want this to take away parking options.

M. King – we are seeing a decline in some of these meters in the mentioned locations. His suggestion would be to remove meters on S. Church St., and from the Alley to New St.

M. Wait – like Charles Town, we could reduce the rate for a meter and add time to them the farther away from the center of town they are.

Mayor – keep this on the Jan/Feb agenda.

L. Robertson – the residential signs are hard to see-can we color-code them somehow? How do we advertise the changes?

T. Conchar – maybe through Parkmobile. For the residential signs, place a “Residential Only” sign/sticker on the backs of the current residential signs.

L. Robertson – the Visitor’s Center can also add it to the parking map on their website.

M. Wait – can we allow some parking in residential M-F before 3PM?

L. Robertson – the residents are off work on holidays, might get into some sticky situations with residents not able to park in front of their homes. Could raise the fine for parking in residential, and make it a tow-away zone.

T. Conchar – a tow-away zone would be a deterrent in residential for sure. Could add that to the back of the residential signs too. Plus, go to Town Hall if towed, and have a message on the window of whom to contact to get their car back.

Mayor – we should look at the signs/stickers on back of the residential signs, and these core parking areas M. King spoke about.

M. King – suggested changing the sign we put out for football games to say “No Parking - Residential Only” to be clear.

Mayor – there will be no December meeting.

Mayor – if there is no objection the meeting is adjourned at 10:30 AM. No objections.

Respectfully submitted, L. Robertson