

Approved
PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
Special Meeting January 19, 2010

Randy Hafer ✓
Bruce Simon (esc.)
Nick Blake (esc.)
Mitch Goplen ✓

Steve Bruggeman ✓
Don Olsen ✓
Leticia Moore ✓
Scott Godfrey ✓

NOTES:

The meeting was called to order by Randy at 4:03 p.m. Others present were: Chris Mallow and Kelly Cox.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION:

On February 1, 2010 Rick Revell will give the final presentation of the parking study to the City Council. Staff and the Parking Advisory Board would like the Council to know what they think of the study and what they intend to do with the findings.

Randy stated that he had the final Steering Committee Report in regards to the E-BURD district and that it went along with the parking study information. He suggested that all Board members be sent a copy for their review before they had the meeting in regards to making changes that were suggested in the parking study. Chris agreed to forward this information to all Board members along with the product of the last strategic planning meeting for everyone's review.

After some brief history to catch up the new members of why a study was requested Chris began his power point presentation.

Slide one: Anti-Shuffling. All members were in approval of the information for this topic.

Slide two: Creating Parking Enforcement Officers/Downtown Ambassadors. Chris stated that this was more of a management issue than a P.A.B. issue, stressing it would be Staff's responsibility to lead Enforcement into a different approach at being more at the public's disposal with maps, information, ect.

Slide three: Meters on Montana. It was mentioned that an agreement was in place with the business owners in this area not to install meters. Chris stated that he would look into the history of this agreement and find out if it was a verbal

agreement or a written agreement and what exactly the agreement stated and would bring this information back to the Board.

Slide four: Bicycle Enhancement. The Board would like to see Staff work with the Joe Stout from the DBA on this project within the next three to six months. The Board also asked Chris to add in specific wording in regards to secure, covered storage out of the elements.

Slide five: Pedestrian Enhancements. All members were in approval of the information for this topic.

Slide six: ADA Compliance. All members were in approval of the information for this topic.

Slide seven: Parking Marketing. The Board asked Chris to add in wording specifically stating "Public Education". They felt the continuous education for the public was important. Chris stated that other Cities were known to use Marketing firms for this type of education. It was suggested that Staff work alongside of the DBA/DBP with this project.

Slide eight: Parking Wayfinding Signage. The Board would like to see this happen soon as signage can be erected quickly and easily. At this time there is Downtown Billings wayfinding sign program that can easily be followed to help with proper placement of the signage.

Slide nine: Parking Garage Automation. The Board asked that the first bullet point on this slide be reworded to be clearer. Chris also needs to complete the thought on bullet point two and the Board would like Chris to change bullet point three to state that "Parking Staff and the P.A.B. will examine Rich and Associate's recommendation and bring forth a recommendation of their own to City Council within ten months.

Slide ten: Security Cameras. The Board would like to remove the first and third bullet and add in that they would like to see the cameras removed immediately due to them not being functional and that the Board would like to address the security issue at a later date.

Slide eleven: Residential Parking Permits. The Board would like to see only one change on this slide to bullet four stating "Enforcement may be done...."

Slide twelve: Parking Pricing. The Board would like to edit the error in bullet point two to state the current price of a ten hour permit to say \$15 along with changing the last statement to say "...may consider parking rates.."

Slide thirteen: Sale of Park 4. All members were in approval of the information for this topic.

Slide fourteen: New Parking. The Board suggested to Chris that he blow up the map of the area that Rich and Associates suggested as possible areas for a new parking garage and state that the Board will be taking these selections under advisement.

The Board then discussed the possibility of a retreat to work out the recommendations above. The Board opted on having this meeting on March 9th in lieu of the regular meeting with Kelly being the moderator to help move the progress along and keep the Board on topic. The Board is expecting this meeting to run somewhere between three to four hours. It is the Board's intention to come to an agreement of their "Grand Vision" and to put together a "to do list" for the Board to focus on.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.