

Approved
PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
November 9, 2010

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Mitch Goplen (Esc.)
Drew Smith √

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NOTES:

The meeting was called to order by Randy at 4:05 p.m. Others present were: Shawn Abel, Tina Volek, Chris Mallow and Kelly Cox.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

None to report.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS:

Approve minutes from October:

Scott motioned that the minutes from the October meeting be accepted as written. Nick seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion passed.

Monthly Report- October 2010:

Chris stated that First Interstate and Crowne plaza had some large events in September leaving the validations from October showing significantly lower. Randy asked if it would be possible for Chris to do longer term stats (5 years for park and shop, Crowne plaza validations and cash) once every six months to see if there is a pattern that can be seen. Chris stated he believed that would be relatively easy to do and would bring the results to the December meeting.

Urban Outdoor Gallery presentation:



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Shawn Abel was in attendance to answer questions the P.A.B. had in regards to the Urban Outdoor Gallery Presentation that was presented by Tina during the

October 2010 meeting. Shawn explained that the banners were 70% retained and 30% removed for air flow purposes. He said that the projects original plans consist of 15 buildings covering 170,000 square feet consisting of 26 panels along with 6 kiosks that would direct visitors on a driving/walking tour. The kiosks are both heated and cooled and made of bulletproof glass and pretty much vandalism proof. Additionally, Shawn stated that the qualifications they have set for possible buildings would be four stories or taller and one face with minimal obstructions. He stated that the project was looking at being self sustaining by getting funding from private corporations, sales of promotional items such as hats, water bottles, shirts, ect. along with possible funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and that they are looking at a possible grant. Shawn stated that he and his boss, Scott Beach, have already had meetings with the Y.M.C.A., Yellowstone Art Museum, Montana Arts Council, Commissioner Kennedy and several other private business owners in downtown, including but not limited to, Aaron Sparboe from the Property Management Group and Chris Johnson from the Crowne Plaza.

Shawn stated that although a project such as this has not been done in the U.S. it has been done in Europe for over a decade for advertising reasons and is used during extensive renovations of buildings to help cover up the construction process.

Questions regarding liability, damage and vandalism would all be covered by a legal contract drawn up between the City/Private Owner and the Urban Gallery. Shawn stated that they will be working with Billings Sign Company and will have a licensed engineer to sign off on the actual mounting of the art work to ensure safety and security of the artwork itself.

Lighting issues for the garage were addressed. Shawn stated that the art work would decrease lighting into the garage however; it was decided that this issue could easily be addressed with the lighting upgrade that is planned for the garages in the near future.

The time frame for the project: Phase 1 (spring 2011) would be the Y.M.C.A., Phase 2 (fall 2011) would be 3-4 buildings possibly the Crowne, Wells Fargo, 1st Interstate and the Securities Building, Phase 3 (spring/summer 2012). The last phase would include the Park 1 garage.

Drew motioned that the Board show their support to this project and pass on to City Council to also support this idea. Steve seconded the motion. All members were **enthusiastically and unanimously** in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates to Strategic Planning List of Projects:

- a. Discuss next steps with Engineering

Engineering called and stated that they would like to get together again with the subcommittee. Chris will set up another meeting before the next scheduled Parking Advisory Board meeting.

PARKING ADVISORY BOARD – Planning Decisions (3/16/10)

1. *Support/encourage diagonal parking in hospital corridor and Dehler Park (underway at Clinic); City to do Dehler Park; Chris to contact SVHC*

Dehler park project has been finalized at the Planning Department and is on it's way to the Parking Division for final approval. There will be handicap spaces on 10th Ave. N. as planned from the beginning and no changes will be made to 9th Ave. N. D.J. Clark, project manager, states that it is still "feasible" to get the project done this season if weather holds out and they can find a contractor to do the work.

2. *Support EBURD parking overlay zoning (underway – final council approval 3/22/10)*

3. *Recommend changes to CBD parking*
Option 1

- *Adopt anti-shuffling ordinance (Chris to research; 6 month phase in)*
- *3 "zones":*
 - *2 hr. metered in highest use/turnover areas*
 - *10 hr. metered in desirable long stay locations*
 - *Remove meters at fringe areas with low utilization*

Option 2

- *Adopt anti-shuffling ordinance*
- *3 "zones":*
 - *2 hr. signed (no meters) in highest use/turnover areas*
 - *10 hr. metered in desirable long stay locations + pass*
 - *Remove meters/time limits in fringe areas*
- *Chris to get consultant opinion, then conference call*

Either option must support & encourage continued use of garages

- *Adjust 10 hr. rates to support garages*
- *With Option 2, increase fines for shuffling or overstaying limit*
- *With Option 2, update technology to enforce*
- *Retain courtesy tickets for 1st offences*
- *Retain monthly 10 hr. passes*

4. *Work on Parking Division Finances*

- *Letter to Council strongly recommending phasing out Parking Division transfer to General Fund (233k/yr.)*
- *RH/GK to draft letter; signed by all; bond new garage, etc.; present at Work Session with several members, letters of support*

5. *Recommend changes to parking for rest of city (per list)*

- a. *Provide diagonal parking for on-street parking whenever possible (or perpendicular in street centers where available)*
- b. *Encourage an interconnected grid of streets in new developments*
- c. *Require all new streets in commercial areas to be designed to accommodate on-street parking*
- d. *Allow on-street parking to count as part of total parking requirement or make on-street parking a mandatory offset of on-street parking*
- e. *Allow an offset for bicycles/scooters/motorcycles (biking racks downtown)*

- f. *Allow compact/energy efficient car spaces as part of the total requirement (smaller)*
- g. *Create a standard for the maximum number of parking spaces provided depending on project type; change current into maximum; set new floor*
- h. *Allow/encourage parking sharing between parcels/properties; i.e. if more than 1 business adjacent, then max. X .9 = total for entire site, 3 or more X .8, 5 or more X .7, etc.*

- i. *Encourage parking behind buildings.*
- j. *Bike racks.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Downtown Alliance Report:

None to report.

Informational Items:

Randy's last term on the Board will end after the meeting on December 14th. Chris was asked by Sharon Weatherwax-Ripley to let him know when a new position came available.

C.T.A. is in the process of finalizing the plans for the N. 29th Street sky bridge. Chris stated that there is a very large possibility that we will need to close the Hart Albin garage for a couple of weeks to do the repairs. If this is needed the City will accommodate the Hart Albin parkers, mostly likely, in the Park 1 garage.

The technology audit is still in the process of getting reports via Cardinal Tracking.

Lordwith residents have put in a special parking application for a neighborhood permit program. Chris returned the call and advised the gentleman when the December meeting is and asked them to attend. It was advised that Chris get the information ready so the Board could advise the residents on what they would be responsible to do to follow up.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at: 5:24p.m.