



Downtown Parking Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2012

39250 PIONEER BOULEVARD, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order – 4:05 PM
Attendees: Laura Allen, Ernie Brache, Lois Coleman, Carl Exner, Scott Lazenby, Jason McNeil, Kevin Moody, Kelly O'Neill, Andreeanne Rode, David Snider and Mike Walker.

Guests: Kimberly Ball, Vicky Churchill, Jim Seipel

2. Public/Visitor Comments or Concerns – Oregon Trail School District
Three representatives (Ball, Churchill, and Seipel) from the Oregon Trail School District discussed the importance of replacing some of the restricted parking signs on Pleasant Avenue, instead of removing them. They stressed the importance of keeping no parking signs in front of Sandy Grade School as buses staged there in the morning and afternoon. There was some discussion regarding the turning of buses, the movement of buses from the schools, and safety concerns for students crossing Pleasant Avenue.

The Committee decided that removing the signs on Pleasant Avenue in front of the middle school after the school year was for the best to allow for more parking. The Committee also decided to allow the no parking signs on the north side of Pleasant Avenue in front of the grade school to remain. Following the end of the school year the Oregon Trail School District shall replace the signs with new signs and new post standards per downtown wayfinding requirements. The signs shall read something like, "No parking during school days from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM."

3. New Business
 - a. Bruns Parking Lot: Naming and Incentive – Staff explained some history behind the Bruns Avenue parking lot. It was discussed that the only name ever associated with the lot was Junker West as displayed on the construction plans. Staff explained the proposal to come up with a number of names and then have attendees of the Open House pick the winner. It was unanimously decided to move forward with a new name for the parking lot. Several people voiced concern over the use of 'square' in the name. Staff will forward an email to the Committee for a vote to pick 3 to 5 names to be forwarded to the Open House.

Staff explained the incentive idea for the Bruns Avenue parking lot. The Committee unanimously agreed the incentive idea should move forward as it could alleviate parking congestion downtown and helps the marketing of businesses. It was mentioned that businesses could also buy gift certificates from other businesses in-lieu of offering expensive services they may not have the capacity to donate.

b. Parking Fee In-lieu – Staff gave a brief background of how and why the parking fee in-lieu idea could help future developers in downtown by allowing flexibility in site design. It was discussed that the Planning Commission had started work on an ordinance, but that the cost estimate as proposed was the first time a projected cost had been examined. Staff discussed that some logistics, like change in use, need to be addressed as adoption of a fee in-lieu moves forward. It was unanimously agreed that staff should move forward with an ordinance, code language, fee schedule amendments, etc., to have a parking fee in-lieu for downtown adopted.

4. Old Business

a. Downtown Parking Open House Logistics – Staff explained the proposed maps, tables, comment boxes, and other information that was being proposed at the Open House on May 30th. There was some discussion regarding the importance of some of the proposed items. It was unanimously decided to move forward with the items as proposed on the memo as presented to the Committee.

6. Adjournment – 5:12 PM