



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER PARKING COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room
288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009
Meeting Time: 8:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony McManus, Jack Buckley, Charles Reynolds, George Maglaras

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Woodruff, City Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2009

-Add that Dan Kupferman, Parkeon, made a presentation.

-Add specific change details about parking district map.

-Regarding meeting dates, it should state that Parking Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month unless otherwise scheduled.

Minutes: Perry moved to adopt the minutes of the August 4th meeting with amendments as noted; seconded by Maglaras-no discussion-approved unanimously.

2. Downtown Parking District Plan

3. Individual Parking Lot Issues

Reynolds asked City Attorney, Alan Krans, to research the Orchard Street Parking lot deeded spaces. He would like to know if the lease expires in 2025 or if they are leased forever.

Alan Krans said that he would check with the City Clerk's office.

The Commission asked about the Trela House parking spaces.

Woodruff stated that the Trela House has chosen not to renew any of their spaces. He stated that he put in a work order to F&G to remove the "Trela House Parking Only" signs which will free up a lot of space in that lot. He directed the member's attention to the sheet that Marn Speidel gave to them from the last meeting on Orchard Street.

Discussion ensued regarding the Orchard Street Parking Lot. A total of 136 total parking spaces are in that lot. Draft plan is to take the 62 plus 62 plus 7 spaces and make them available to anybody that wants to use them and pay a permit fee. All parking spaces would be metered, except for the handicap parking spaces. Enforcement regarding the spaces was discussed. Woodruff stated that the new meters are supposed to be here around the last week of October and is currently coordinating this effort with the City Engineer. He explained the rates and stated that across the country it ranges from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per hour. Woodruff said that one of the issues is the different range of rates right now, between businesses and residential rates, in the different lots. Tony McManus said we need to follow up on the different rates in the other parking lots. Woodruff said Orchard Street has the highest demand and he explained the rates for the other parking lots. Reynolds suggested making all of the lots the same rate. We need to have some type of consistency. Discussion ensued regarding Belknap, and the different demands on the other surface lots. We should have a different permit structure for employees, don't allow businesses to purchase any more permits than the number of employees and owner. Let's give them some sort of incentive to get off from Central Avenue. Designate certain lots for certain things.



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Maglaras stated that when you look at residents, it's not a business thing they just happen to live there, it's not appropriate to say park across town. I would like to get a rate standardized. Woodruff explained the zoning amendment promoting residential use on the second and third floors to make the downtown more vital.

Maglaras noted the actual tax value for residential development was higher for apartments than commercial space. The average meter generates how much income? Woodruff said he could get the answer. Reynolds said Belknap St Dental can rent 16 spaces many for customers for 45 month; we would like to compare that 45 space and generate income for a metered space. Are we losing money having them pay that fee versus metered space parking?

What would metered space generate per space? If we go to the system why would we have to reserve spaces? 62 metered spaces in Orchard Street and \$39,000 revenue annually. \$53.00 dollars per meter per month on average and the permits are \$45.00 for customers. Woodruff will get percentage from Marn. Orchards Street is 45/15. Residential should be standardized.

Reynolds stated we are developing a recommendation for Council. Can we settle on resident permits in all the lots and at what number?

Maglaras asked what the existing revenue of residential permits for the other lots was. They are spending their money in the downtown area. All lots should be the same.

Motion: George Maglaras made the motion to standardize the residential permit rate to be \$15.00. Jack Buckley seconded. Vote: U/A

Individually purchased business permits were discussed. We want to include as part of the policy that permits would be for employees only. Woodruff said the business owner is buying the permits for the employees. Under the new system the customer would have a paper receipt that you put on your dashboard. Reynolds said that the permits should be sold to owners for themselves or employees only. It was decided that on Orchard Street they would allow sales of permits to owners and employees only. First Street was discussed and Woodruff said we have to look and see if there are any existing agreements with the Mill. Chestnut Street lot was briefly discussed. The Commission asked that Marn Speidel be present at the next meeting. We need some questions answered that only he can answer and some of the information may change our minds. Are there long term obligations, contracts, etc? Alan Krans will research agreements with deeded spaces.

Policy recommendation, so far, is that First Street, School Street, Third Street and Orchard Street should be \$45.00 business permit rate and \$15.00 residential permit rate and that permits restricted to owners and employees only. Speidel may have information that may temper this for the next meeting.

4. Schedule-Next Meeting

September 23, 2009 @ 8:00 am

5. Adjourn

Motion: Maglaras made the motion to adjourn @ 9:03 a.m. Buckley seconded. Vote: U/A