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Called to Order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Charles Reynolds (Chairman), Thomas Massingham, Jack Buckley, Joseph DiGregorio and Dennis Ciotti (City Council designee)

Members Absent: George Maglaras (Vice Chair), Anthony McManus and Otis Perry

Others Present: Christopher Parker (Assistant City Manager), Reid Weston (Dover Economic Development), Stephanie Fischer (Ear Craft Music), William Simons (Parking Manager), and Michael Cicchese (Parking Clerk)

CITIZENS' FORUM

Stephanie Fischer, owner of Ear Craft Music in downtown Dover, said she was present to listen to the discussion on Saturday metered parking.

MEETING MINUTES

A) Review and Approval of March meeting minutes

Commissioner Massingham made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2017 Non-Public Parking Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Buckley. **Roll Call**

Vote – Approved 4-0. Reynolds – yes; Massingham – yes; Buckley – yes; DiGregorio -- yes

Commissioner Massingham made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2017 Public Parking Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Buckley. **Approved 4-0.**

STAFF UPDATES

A) Downtown Development – Christopher Parker, Assistant City Manager

The Assistant City Manager updated the Commission on various development projects throughout the downtown area, including the development of the Third St. parking lot, and the Robbins property on Washington Street.

B) Parking Activity & Budget – William Simons

The Parking Manager reviewed monthly financial numbers, showing that income is ahead of projections, and expenditures are slightly below the projections for FY17.

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OLD BUSINESS

A) Weekend Downtown Employee/Resident Parking

The Parking Manager relayed concerns from a few downtown merchants about the number of parking spaces along Central Avenue that are taken up all day on Saturdays by local residents and business employees. One merchant suggested that the overnight parking ban be extended to year round.

Reid Weston with Dover's Economic Development presented feedback she received from 20 downtown merchants, which include various suggestions on how to mitigate the Saturday parking situation. Merchants, however, generally opposed extending parking meter hours to include Saturdays.

B) Other Old Business

Bill Simons passed along some suggestions from merchants on how the city could mitigate the effect of the bridge construction. Suggestions included golf cart rides to stores from the parking lots, one-hour free parking in the garage, free tokens to merchants and an advertising campaign. Reid Weston noted that an adverting campaign was being created with the assistance of Dover Main Street that would roll out shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business brought forward.

ADJOURN

Commissioner DiGregorio moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Buckley.
Approved 4-0

Adjourned at 8:50 a.m.