

 CITY OF DOVER	DOVER PARKING COMMISSION - MINUTES Meeting Type: Workshop Meeting Location: COMMUNITY ROOM – Dover Police Station 46 Chestnut Street, Dover, NH 03820 Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 Meeting Time: 10 a.m.
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Called to Order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Charles Reynolds

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Charles Reynolds (Chairman), George Maglaras (Vice Chairman), Jack Buckley, Joseph DiGregorio, Anthony McManus, Thomas Massingham, Periklis Karoutas and Dennis Ciotti (City Council designee)

Others Present: Dan Barufaldi (Economic Development Director), William Simons (Parking Manager), and Michael Cicchese (Deputy Parking Manager), Reid Weston (Economic Development Assistant).

CITIZENS' FORUM

Susan Hanna from SEH Studios spoke about the lack of turnover parking downtown on the weekends when the parking meters are off. Hanna spoke in favor of expanding metered parking to Saturdays. She also expressed her concern about the speed of traffic on Washington Street and its potential impact on pedestrian safety.

Dan Demers from The Strand spoke in favor of expanding metered parking hours and expressed concern about parking options for the employees of downtown businesses.

Ronnie Watkins of My Country Story asked the Commission to not raise parking meter rates, and consider lowering the time limit on Central Avenue from 3 hours to 2 hours.

Janet Perry from Nicole's Hallmark spoke in favor of parking meter hours being extended to include Saturdays to help mitigate the downtown parking spaces taken up by downtown residents and employees on weekends. She also asked for more signage to help visitors find the parking garage, and also favored lowering the time limit on Central Avenue to 2 hours.

Paul Cote from Fat Dog Kitchen expressed concern about the availability of the spaces that will be returned to the city in the old Third Street lot once that development project is completed. He expressed concern about the overall parking inventory in the Third Street area, and the impact it has had on the viability of his business.

Lindsey Lund from Christopher's Third St. Grille told the Commission she felt as though Third Street has been forgotten and worries that changing economics will make it more difficult for independent business owners and their employees to afford to live and work in Dover.



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Tammy Johnson from The Nook Breakfast & Lunch Restaurant spoke in favor of extending parking meter hours to the weekend due to downtown residents taking up much of the downtown parking on Saturdays and Sundays since parking is free.

New Business

A) Discussion of Downtown Parking Program

The commission discussed the growing need to mitigate the congested parking in the downtown area on the weekends. They also spoke about exploring ways to expand parking capacity.

By consensus the Commission agreed to bring the following proposals forward to the City Council

1. Extend the daily parking meter hours from the current 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
2. Extend parking meter days from Monday – Friday, to Monday – Saturday
3. Move to Progressive Pricing for on-street meter locations. \$1/hour for the first two hours, \$2/hour for the next two hours, and \$3/hour for each additional hour, eliminating time limits
4. Keep flat rates in the lots and parking garage.

B) Discussion About a Second Parking Facility

The Commission discussed the need for the city to develop plans on building a second parking garage. Commissioner Maglaras suggested an additional workshop on ways to increase parking capacity in the downtown area.

ADJOURN

Commissioner DiGregorio moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Maglaras.

Approved 7-0

Meeting Adjourned at 11:27 a.m.