

PARKING ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

The PARKING ADVISORY PANEL (PAP) met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Basement Conference Room at 605 E. Main Street.

The panel met for its regular monthly meeting on this date with the following members present: Mr. Knuppel, the Committee Chair, Mr. Cusano and Mr. Hutto. City staff including Mr. Siebert and Mr. Ness were present.

Mr. Knuppel began the meeting by opening the floor for public comment. There was none.

Mr. Knuppel asked if there were any changes offered to the draft minutes posted for the last meeting. There were none and they were adopted unanimously.

Ms. Fenton joined the meeting immediately following the vote.

Mr. Ness briefed the Panel on an upcoming closure of Water St to accommodate utility work on the CODE Building. He indicated that the road closure would require the rerouting of CAT bus routes and the temporary relocation of the CAT terminal to E. Market St between 6th and 8th Streets. He said the closure was planned to last about two weeks.

Mr. Ness also briefed the Panel on the planned discussion of the Trolley Pilot at that evening's City Council meeting. He indicated staff is recommending the termination of the pilot and a return to the original routing in mid-May of this year. He said CAT staff was working on alternate bus routes to better serve Midway Manor.

Mr. Hutto asked if he could have a copy of the current plan for the trail improvements on Water St east of Lexus Nexus. Mr. Ness said he would get a copy of the plan and forward it to Mr. Hutto.

Mr. Siebert indicated there was no update to the contract enforcement RFP from the last Panel meeting. He did, however, brief the Panel on the current enforcement efforts on the West 2nd St Lot. City IT records indicate that a total of 68 tickets were issued on the lot in October 2019. None in November. 39 more tickets were issued in December and none in January. The Police patrolled the lot less than 3 hours over this four month period. Mr. Siebert also showed a graph of the declining revenue on the lot over this same time period, although he indicated that the lot was still very busy and usually over 90% of the spaces were filled.

Mr. Siebert reported that the code change to make booting on private property economically feasible was before Council that evening. It was on the consent calendar as the first of two readings. Mr. Hutto agreed to cover the meeting for the Panel and either Mr. Siebert or Mr. Engel would be available as staff.

Mr. Siebert briefed that the City's Parking Action Plan need to be updated. He recommended that the Panel next regular meeting be devoted to that effort. A copy of the current Plan was distributed and Mr. Siebert asked that the Panel members review it and gather their thoughts on how it might be updated. He also distributed a list of actions the City had already taken in support of the objectives in the Plan. He was asked for any recommendations he might make regarding the update. Mr. Siebert suggested that he was personally supportive of the overall form of the Plan

based on the three different defined approaches. He suggested the currently accomplished objectives be deleted and new objectives under each approach could simply be added. The Panel recommended that other stakeholders should be part of the discussion. Mr. Siebert said he would try to make sure a CAT representative joined the Panel for the discussion. Ms. Fenton suggested that some greater effort could be made for the City to partner with private developers to add public parking supply. Mr. Siebert talked generally about some previous attempts to do so and gave a current example regarding a possible deck on the private lot adjoining the Water St Garage. He talked about the complexity of this type of deal that frequently include land use restrictions and BAR approval beyond the more obvious issues of funding and a public/private agreement.

Mr. Hutto asked about the status of the Panel's letter in support of the new 7th St Garage had been delivered. Mr. Hutto had been designated to sign the letter and he said he had not done so. Mr. Siebert said he would follow up with Mr. Engle on the status of the letter.

Mr. Knuppel asked if there was any new business. None was offered and the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM.