

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 20, 2016

The Public Transportation and Parking Commission met on the above date at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Works Department.

Members Present: Ms. Jessica Faison Mr. Brian Farkas Mr. Charles Moore
 Mr. Will Russ Mr. Dave Schwartz Mr. Warren Daniels

Staff Present: Mr. Kevin Mulligan Mr. Corey Barrett Mr. Lamont Jackson
 Mrs. Rachel Manning Mrs. Stacey Pigford

Guests:

Council Liaison: Council Member Rick Smiley

I. WELCOME

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present.

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF November 18, 2015 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Russ and passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mulligan presented the Dickinson Avenue parking project. It is still undecided if parking will be on street or off street. If parking is on street, sidewalks cannot be widened. Currently, the sidewalks are very narrow. The idea of the proposed streetscape is to create a pedestrian thoroughfare. However, this would move customer parking from current business. An evaluation of the uptown/Dickinson parking area will be done, to ensure better insight on the project. Funding is available and construction is set to begin October 2017. More discussion will be made over the next few months with updates to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

VIII. OTHER – FYI

1. GREAT Monthly Report

Mr. Jackson presented the GREAT monthly report for review. He discussed the decline in ridership was showing improvement. With the route adjustments taking effect, more accurate numbers will be given at the next meeting.

2. Crosswalks Update

There were no updates to be presented.

3. Upcoming Projects & Meetings Information

Mr. Jackson stated he is working on a mobility management project. This project will help transition disabled passengers from the Pitt Area Transit (PATs) van to the GREAT bus.

4. Uptown Parking Update

Mr. Barrett gave an update on uptown parking. He discussed the proposal presented to council. The proposal included parking fee increases and the installation of new meters. At that time, it was decided to remove the meters along Evans Street and around the parking deck until the next planning session meeting.

In response to the proposal presented to council, a citizen addressed a concern through an editorial in the Daily Reflector. The concern being there was no opportunity for public input. Mr. Moore questioned the commission's role in the arrangement of public meetings. Mr. Smiley believes council would welcome the idea of the commission taking the lead on some of the public meetings. A planning session is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016 at 6:30 PM. It will be held at City Hall, 3rd floor. Mr. Moore recommended for the commission to take no action, as far as public comments, until after the public meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Farkas to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Faison and passed unanimously. Further discussion will be made at the February meeting.

IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR February 17, 2016

There were no proposed agenda items.

X. ADJOURN MEETING

With there being no further business to conduct, Mr. Schwartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Faison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Manning, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission