

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 17, 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

Staff Present: Mr. Ken Jackson Mr. Corey Barrett Mr. Lamont Jackson
 Mrs. Rachel Manning

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 JANUARY 20, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz to approve the January 20, 2016 minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farkas and passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Moore made an announcement, on behalf of Daryl Vreeland, in reference to the Bike/Pedestrian Greenway Expansion Master Plan. He is looking for a couple of people from our commission to participate with the Steering Committee. Mr. Russ and Mr. Schwartz volunteered to do so.

Ken Jackson gave a brief update on the parking plan for the downtown area. The process for the parking plan should be presented within the next six to ten months.

Council member Smiley recommended a public art project for the parking deck. It was decided to include staff for further input and ideas, and to make Kevin Mulligan the point of contact. A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Russ and passed unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Ken Jackson gave an update on the GTAC project. He explained the project is currently in the acquisition phase. There are still a few property titles to be obtained. However, the project should be moving into the relocation phase soon. The plan is near completion, and a presentation should be given within the next couple of months.

A proposal has been made to extend 8th Street from Pitt Street around to Dickinson Avenue. The idea is for it to tie in with the existing section of 8th Street to make a 90° intersection. Also, in working with D.O.T., it could possibly be made a signaled intersection. This proposal would certainly present a better flow of traffic.

VIII. OTHER – FYI

1. GREAT Monthly Report

Lamont Jackson presented the GREAT monthly report for review. He explained the ridership decline was continuing to show improvement. However, numbers are still down. This is possibly due to the route changes that took effect January 5, 2016. He stated they are still accessing where the decline is coming from.

2. Crosswalks Update

There were no updates to be presented.

3. Upcoming Projects & Meetings Information

Lamont Jackson stated there were no upcoming projects and meetings to announce.

4. Uptown Parking Update

Mr. Barrett gave an update on uptown parking. He stated council passed the proposal for the parking fee increase. It will take effect March 1, 2016. Flyers will be placed out to notify the business owners as well as the public.

IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 16, 2016

- 1. Parking Deck Art Project.**
- 2. Bus Stops/Crosswalks Update.**

X. ADJOURN MEETING

With there being no further business to conduct, Mr. Farkas 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 March 16, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Manning, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission