

## **Parking Commission**

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Commissioners Present:** Jim Chapkis, Steve Petersen, Tom Messina, Elaine Price, Ann Melbourn, Don Walters, Ben Widmyer, Stuart Wagner, Brad Jordan, Dan English (Council member)

**Staff/Advisors Present:** Troy Tymesen (City of Coeur d'Alene), Audrey Bell (Diamond Parking), Andrea Pierce, Stephanie Padilla, Chloe Linton and Emily Boyd (Downtown Association), Chris Bosely (City Streets & Engineering)

**Others Present:** Scott Taylor (The Car Park)

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Stuart Wagner seconded by Ann Melbourn.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Parking Revenue Report – Diamond Parking**

April 2022 was down from April 2021 by \$17,348 but an increase in the previous years which is an upward trend. This could be due to the opening of WA and the weather.

The Garage is still at capacity, with an increase in secured parking passes at 38. This is an increase of 118 over last year. The Parking garage has a waiting list for passes so there is a possibility of looking at increasing fees in 2023.

Emily Boyd mentioned that DTA businesses are having a hard time getting their staff permits and asked if Diamond Parking could look into if people are using their passes. Audrey noted that they will investigate the overnight parking of some vehicles and maybe restrict this as it could allow people to use the garage as storage.

#### **2. Discussion of parking questionnaire established by Commissioner Peterson**

The Downtown Association has posted the questionnaire inside the Chamber of Commerce for guests to complete. So far only 4 completed questionnaires have been completed. The Commission will wait until more are completed to discuss at a future meeting.

#### **3. Brief discussion note of Wayfinding Signs**

A refresh on where the Wayfinding project was requested by the commission and Ms. Boyd presented what the Downtown Association Economic Commission had created. The map showcased where signs could be placed to both reduce and combine signs as well as increase the visibility of the wayfinding downtown. The committee suggested that the dicut signs were to be located only within the DT Core and to include activities for tourism purposes. This included 35 signs that the DTA had identified

Mr. Tymeson wanted to make note on record that "A sign doesn't solve things"

Mr. Bosely will look over the signage for motorists and return with comments by next week. He will work to reduce the number of signs. The City will stay away from dicut and fund the whole thing. The city will do a few wayfinding colors – consolidate in right location.

#### **4. Continued discussion of Atlas Park and paid parking**

The city has recommended to watch the parking situation and to see what it does, and what happens when the housing goes in before introducing paid parking. One business has responded to the RFP that was sent out to food vendors. They have four spaces for food vendors.

#### **5. Continued discussion of Parking Garage complaints and public concern**

Mr. Chapkis noted that the noise and nuisance has subsided this month, and only one occurrence was noted. The Police department stepped up enforcement and their patrol of the area.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Preliminary Midtown parking lot designs**

Chris Bosely presented the multiple design options for the future parking in midtown. The city own a rental property on the outskirts of the lot and currently are not wanting to demolish the unit as it brings in more income than a free parking lot.

The Commission's recommendation is to approve the parking proposal with the Swale (potentially making the swale smaller in width) with an end island to prevent cut throughs of the parking lot. Commissioner Messina made the motion, seconded by Ann Melbourne – All in favor, motion carried

**Discussion:** Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.