

Parking Commission

September 13, 2022

Commissioners Present: Stuart Wagner, Elaine Price, Ann Melbourn, Jim Chapkis, Steve Petersen, Brad Jordan.

Don Walters (A), Ben Widmyer(A), Tom Messina (A),

Staff/Advisors Present: Audrey Bell (Diamond Parking), Emily Boyd (Downtown Association), Stephanie Padilla and Troy Tymesen (City of Coeur d'Alene)

Motion to approve minutes by commissioner Wagner seconded by commissioner Price. M/S/A

Staff/Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Chapkis commented on the state of the parking garage. 2 cars parked as storage on 3rd floor. Upper floor as short-term parking only. Dirty/trash. Landscaping.

Mr Tymesen relayed to the commission that the City of CDA financial plan starts on Oct 1. He would like the commissioners to decide upon what metrics they'd like to get done this next fiscal year.

Update on where we stand on the wayfinding signs for the next meeting (OCTOBER)

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Revenue Report: Audrey updated the commission on August's parking revenue. August overall increased over last year by \$30,241 in revenue. 29 over last year (including permitted DT employees, and seaplanes) for the parking garage. There are only about 6 open spaces in the secured area.

Update from Commissioner Peterson on Parking Survey Results:

The parking commission surveyed NIC students and visitors at the Chamber of Commerce. Many of them stated that they were "residents" of downtown but used 83815 as their zip – which is not a DT ZIP code. The most frequent answer was to help find parking through an increase in parking signs. The Chamber of Commerce results were separated from the student survey, as most were from out of town. It was found that the answers received were very similar, however there was a larger spread of where visitors were driving from. Any additional surveys can be added to the quantified data going forward. Full survey results attached to minutes.

Update on Midtown Parking Lot: This project is still incomplete, just waiting for lighting. The city has been prioritizing when weather is good to lay asphalt. IGNITE helped immensely with this Urban Renewal item, and will increase the investment in Midtown in general.

Update on Utility Box Wraps: The company has had challenges with administrative staff and the wraps were cut to the wrong size of the utility box. When they went to install they did not fit so City is still waiting for new wraps anticipating installation next week.

NEW BUSINESS

City Parking Calls

Chairman Chapkis offered help in case the city needed it in term of parking calls. The city currently is ok but will reach out if required.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11.