



# CITY OF TAUNTON

## PARKING COMMISSION

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August 9, 2011

Parking Minutes #68

Present: J Sprague, J Dorsey, Chief Walsh, R Swartz, E. Valadao, J Buffington

Also Present: Don Smyth from BCSB

### 1. Matters on File

#### a. Deck

- i. Jacobs Engineering – Commission reviewed the revised document that Steve Berkeley presented for the contractual changes to ‘cease and desist’ the third level. Mr Berkeley was advised (at the previous meeting) to include the current fees incurred to date but did not include that in the documents submitted. J Dorsey to follow up for this via Wayne Walkden. No further action was taken at this meeting regarding this matter.
- ii. Signage- R Swartz motioned, J Dorsey seconded to purchase 2 signs for the Deck . 1- permanent signage that would include information regarding the availability of the Court Street Lot and 2. A temporary sandwich style sign that reads ‘Parking Deck Full’ for the attendants to use when necessary. Vote was unanimous.
- iii. Issue of free hour was discussed. Tickets were pulled out and counted for referencing purposes. R Bernier to request the booth staff to keep accurate counts of how many tickets are used for the free hour and report back at a future meeting.

#### b. Armory

- i. Progress- design reviewed. After much discussion it was felt that the diagonal parking that the Library is currently using needs to remain. J Dorsey to contact the surveyors (the Patenaudes) to inquire as to any

adjustments that need to be made accordingly to accommodate. The plans will be presented to the DIRB for approval expediently per Kevin Scanlon.

- ii. Boys & Girls Club/Library- Commission reviewed this area as well and felt that it would be considered more as a second phase of parking once the Armory Lot is completed.

- c. Galligan's- no updates
  - d. Ticketing- there is active ticketing in the downtown. Discussion regarding meter monitors has been tabled until the supplemental budget is released in early Fall. The ordinance for inspection sticker /ticketing is currently out to the Ordinance Committee.
  - e. Jason Schrieber- sent along a rather vague estimate of scope of services he may be able to provide to consultant for the Commission. J Sprague to follow up with him to obtain more specific information. Will present at an upcoming meeting. Chief Walsh motioned, J Dorsey seconded to reach out to SRPEDD and Bridgewater State University for additional resources. No further action was taken as to implementation of this. Vote was unanimous.
  - f. Court Info Packet-website in beginning stages. Chief Walsh to continue working on this project.
  - g. NE Parking – J Sprague to follow up on Commission membership.
2. New Business
- a. Staff- Chair asked the hours of the staff. No further action taken.
  - b. Overall parking fees restructuring-emergency meeting to be held Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at TPD
  - c. Police Parking –Chair brought up concerns with police parking personal vehicles and not paying fees. No further action was taken.
  - d. Additional Parking Areas to discuss (other properties)\_
  - e. Nelia Viverios -13 Presbrey Avenue had concerns with vehicles parking and blocking her residence. J Sprague to contact and advise this property owner to contact Police when vehicles are blocking her driveway.
  - f. BCSB Concerns- Don Smyth from Bristol County Savings Bank in attendance to hear the policy on pass holders for the deck. Several bank employees hold monthly passes and have raised concerns that the deck is filling up quickly and they have no place to park. Commissioners spent a good amount of time reviewing the current policy and hearing Mr Smyth's concerns and the bank's challenges now that the courthouse is operational.

Meeting adjourned 4:50pm

Next meeting:

Tuesday August 16, 3pmTPD

Tuesday Sept 13, 3pm TPD

Respectfully Submitted, J Sprague, Secretary

