



# CITY OF TAUNTON

## PARKING COMMISSION

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Parking Commission

Meeting Minutes #56  
Tuesday January 11, 2011

Present:

J Dorsey, J Sprague, E Valadao, R Swartz, R Bernier  
Chief Walsh

### **1. *Matters on File***

J Dorsey submitted financial reports from the City Auditor's office for all parking accounts. Current balance \$534,500.42. Phase I of the Design process for the third level will cost approximately \$82,000. The process –Mayor must sign off on this amount, then Council, then a bond is written (Treasurer does the paperwork) for the project and the \$82,000 will be included in the bond to repay the initial funding from parking account. Meeting with Mayor must be set up. J Dorsey to call Mayor. R Swartz motioned, J Dorsey seconded. Unanimous vote made to get this next step moving.

Galligan's Lot. No updates. R Swartz to place a call to Mayor Crowley to schedule meeting with all interested parties for this project (to be held as soon as possible).

Skatepark/Riverpark – Mayor Crowley has withdrawn the application for the skatepark as it will not be approved. The Riverpark is still in process of moving ahead. J Dorsey informed the Commission that Joe Demello and Dolores Milho are publicly against any park that may compromise existing parking spaces in that area. No further action was taken by the Commission on this matter at this time.

NE Parking Council Membership. R Swartz will expense the \$50 membership and receive reimbursement from the City once that transaction is complete.

## **2. New Business**

R Bernier presented estimate for cost of purchasing a new snow blower. Two estimates were presented. R Swartz motioned, J Dorsey seconded R Bernier to purchase the \$400 equipment from Westville Equipment.

R Bernier researched current ordinances for hourly parking in downtown. He is researching specifically Presbrey Ave, Dean Ave, Govenor and Pleasant Street. More info coming at a later meeting.

J Dorsey requested that the parking booth staff at both lots take an inventory of what the percentage is being used at capacity during regular working hours. R Bernier to make arrangements with the staff to take daily counts of the vehicles.

Raises for the parking attendant staff was briefly discussed. It will be included on the next scheduled meeting agenda.

Snowplowing behind City Hall/New York Lace was discussed. R Bernier informed the Commission that Mimi from the Mayor's Office contacted him with a request that he plow the area during the storms with the Police truck. E Valadao called Mimi directly during this meeting and informed her that Officer Bernier was not able to do that job with his truck and that the DPW should be clearing this area. J Sprague to notify Dolores Milho to inform her of this discussion as Dolores has had issues in past storms with the City not removing snow from this area.

Discussion regarding the Fire Department parking personal vehicles in the lot during impending snow storms. When there is a snow emergency, parking in the deck is free as it is for all patrons. During non snow emergencies, parking would be paid by anyone that would use the deck.

***Next meeting to be scheduled once the Mayor has confirmed progress /meeting regarding the Deck and Galligan's. (J Sprague to email Commission with meeting date)***

Respectfully Submitted , J Sprague Secretary