



CITY OF TAUNTON

PARKING COMMISSION

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August 21, 2012
Parking Commission Meeting #81
Taunton PD Muster meeting room
Minutes

Commissioners Present: E Valadao, Chief Walsh, J Dorsey, K Babin, R Colton
Commissioners not present: R Swartz, Dolores Milho.
Officer R Bernier also present.

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm by E Valadao, Chair.

1. Pleasant Street Lot Completion/status

The Chief updated us that the paving could happen any day. There was discussion about a schedule so the lot can be posted and closed for paving. It was also discussed that besides paving, that landscaping and fencing must be installed. Also jersey barriers need to be moved and the kiosks installed along with foundations/pads. Chief Walsh and J Dorsey to meet with Keating rep to formalize a date and identify a schedule of unfinished items.

2. Parking enforcement personnel and lot attendants

Chief Walsh and J Dorsey have reviewed the applications and now interviews need to be set up.

3. Naming a new Heart of Taunton Designee to the commission.

Dolores Milho has been named by HOT as parking commission representative and has been approved by the city council. Dolores will have to be sworn in and also fulfill the training requirements of the city/state as a public official before attending a meeting as a commissioner.

4. Court Street Usage Request

- a) Request from the Mayors Worthy Cause Committee to use the Court street parking lot on September 22nd. The event is for a “Miles with the Mayor” 5k and 1 mile fun run. Parking and event activities for the day. R Colton motioned, K Babin seconded to approve the request with all the usual requirements. Chief Walsh to send formal confirmation to the organization with approval and specifications required by Commission for the event.
- b) Request from Taunton Business Improvement District and Downtown Taunton Foundation requesting the use of the Court Street lot for “Paint the Downtown” event to be held on the evening of September 15th. The event will require a large lighted tent for local music and performers as well as food tasting from area restaurants. It was disclosed by R Colton he is on the downtown Taunton foundation and J Dorsey disclosed he is on the board of the BID. There was much discussion about how the tent would be erected and if the stakes would be penetrating the asphalt and into the contaminated ground below. Also if beer and wine were available the need for a police detail. Chief Walsh and J Dorsey to check with conservation and planning office regarding the tent stakes. Motion made by K Babin and seconded by R Colton to approve with the following:
 1. Approval of tent stake method by city or alternate non-penetrating method. (note: after the meeting Chief Walsh and J Dorsey spoke to Michelle Restino from conservation and she strongly suggested using the barrel method for tent installation and not stakes)
 2. Police detail if beer and wine is being served.
 3. All other standard commission requirements including insurance.

5. Matters on File

Chief Walsh was contacted by a parking management company about the kiosks.

6. New Business

Chief Walsh informed us of training for the Open Meeting Law by the AG’s office to be held at Taunton Superior Court House on October 3, 6 – 8pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 11, 2012 @ 3pm TPD.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted- J Dorsey.