

## **2020 AH NEW PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Zoom MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting #2 – Thursday, May 21, 2020

*(March and April meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19 social-distancing requirements)*

### **COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

- *Use meeting time wisely: Uncouple Parking, Traffic & Speeding as separate yet intertwined issues;*
  - *Be transparent: Provide regular updates to the Council and the public;*
  - *Public involvement is welcomed: Meetings are open to everyone, public participation is encouraged;*
  - *Actionable recommendations for the three issues to the Council will be made separately over time.*
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### **COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE** – The meeting started at 4:35 pm

- x Mark Fisher – Chair
- x Jon Crowley – Borough Council Liaison
- x Paul Wright – Environmental Comm. Liaison
- x Fred Rast
- x Bob Sherman
- x Fred Kaeli
- Chief Dave Rossbach (advisor)

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Lori Hohenleitner

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### **ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOLS** - Thanks to Councilwoman (Lori) Hohenleitner for assisting as Zoom moderator

- Zoom meeting information is available on the Borough website – for any Borough meeting during these restrictions

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

- Last committee meeting attendees were Mark Fisher, Jon Crowley, Paul Wright and Bob Sherman. Fred Kaeli and Fred Rast joined this meeting as well

### **ITEMS FROM THE LAST (FEB.) MEETING**

- Binders with historical parking/traffic information passed out. I will give Fred Rast his asap
- Gave a brief summary of the previous parking committee notes
- Meetings third Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm, Zoom for now
- Minutes were prepared and sent to the Borough Clerk the next day
- Discussed conducting a parking and traffic study
- Approval of minutes

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- The COVID-19 long-term effect on the AH Business District, ferry ridership, and how all of that will affect the parking “big picture”. Candid discussion about the theater’s future and how we were going to come out of all this.
- Also brought up by a committee member was an idea that once restrictions were lifted somewhat, having an “opening-up” of the business district; close First Ave., let the restaurants operations expand out on to First Avenue to allow for adequate social distancing and get some business back into town. This idea had come up prior to this and suggestion already made to the Mayor and Council. Closing First Ave. (CR-8) for such an event would require County approval.

### **• PARKING**

- (action needed) Second Avenue Resident Permit Parking – agree to updates and present at workshop before the M&C asap so the Chief can re-institute enforcement. Spoke of the ordinance currently not being enforced because of a letter issued by the AHPD in 2017 following approval of the ordinance which included two properties not having a Second Avenue addresses in direct conflict with the ordinance. Additionally, current practice was for AHPD to issue up to 4 (four) guest parking permits where the ordinance says 1 (one). Final recommendation is to keep the ordinance language the same: only have residents with a Second Avenue address eligible to receive permits, and disregard the letter. An ordinance supersedes any letter. A small change in language is also suggested: Change the number of guest passes possible per residence from 1 (one) to 4 (four) in the ordinance language, however give the AHPD discretion of issuing additional guest permits to if a resident needs more than that, which is the case today.

***CONSENSUS OF COMMITTEE WAS TO MOVE THIS FORWARD FOR M&C CONSIDERATION***

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- Gave details: Second Avenue number of available parallel parking spaces (50) vs. current issued permit count (174)
- Talked about public/private satellite overflow lots (2) (48 new spaces)
- Spoke about Hennessey Boulevard angled parking project status (increase to ~18 new spaces), question was asked as to whether this is considered safe given the speeders on Hennessey Blvd.
- Holly Tree Lot idea (52 spaces) go to 2-hr only limit, institute overnight permit parking/ The problem: Daytime M-F, this public parking lot is a commuter lot. Nights; many 10 Ocean residents park there at no cost vs. in their building parking lot (81 spaces) at \$35/month per car.

***ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT, FOLLOW-UP NEXT MEETING***

- Ocean Boulevard parking (one side) may be possible – follow-up with Chief
- Mr. Sherman mentioned a contact in the parking business – consult with him in the future for advice.
- Discussed numbers: Municipal Parking Lot; Overnight permit count? Overnight parked vehicle count?
- The subject of a parking structure came up, the Chairman advised that until a parking study is performed, we would not know what the size of such a structure should be. It has to be based on the optimal number of spaces needed, so as not to over-build (cost) or under-build (not enough spaces) the structure if built.

**• TRAFFIC**

- “Warrant Analysis” for traffic light potential at First and Highland Aves. - follow-up-
- Questions list for County Engineers – will reschedule hopefully soon, please send the Chairman your questions so he can compile one list

**• SPEEDING**

- “25 is 25” campaign seems to be working / asking for campaign posters from students
- First (of three) radar signs hung on Bay Ave.
- Chief: Speeding tickets count? Mandatory court appearance for speeding on certain roads Ordinance results?

**NEW ITEMS** - Input/ideas from the committee to put on the list for consideration – There were none

**FOLLOW-UP ITEMS** – Bring back next meeting (with)

- Ocean Boulevard parking on one side may be possible (Chief/Administrator → County Traffic Engineers)
- County Warrant Analysis for traffic light potential at First/Highland Aves. (Administrator → County Traffic Engineers)
- Reschedule County Engineers (Zoom?), traffic (Administrator)
- Traffic & Parking Study decision (Council)
- Holly Tree Lot proposal, finalize (Committee members)
- Questions list for County engineers (Committee members → Chairman)
- Reschedule Tim Haahs Consulting (Zoom?), parking structure (Chairman)
- Schedule Mr. Sherman’s contact in the parking business, consult with him in for advice (Chairman/Mr. Sherman)

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS** – There were none

**NEXT MEETING** - June 18, 4:30 pm

**ADJOURNMENT** – 5:43 pm

**2020 MEETING SCHEDULE** (Zoom meetings until further notice)

*(generally the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm)*

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Fisher - Chairman

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