

parking tags for customers. Mr. Stone felt that was a good idea and would need some collaboration with the CID; sponsorship will be looked at moving forward. Mr. Wilson asked if the reserved 24/7 spots were in high use. Mr. Stone stated that will need to be analyzed moving forward too. Mr. St. Romaine commented that we do oversell our garage spaces knowing they won't be used full time. Mr. Stone added that the gate arm system would provide better data to track that.

Mr. Stone noted that all garages have a wait list; the Parking Utility revenue is about \$4 Million and \$2 Million of that is to pay off loans, etc. Mr. Gray suggested mimicking the University and not enforcing permit spots after 6 PM so that those spots used during the day by employees are freed up for visitors at night. Mr. Stone stated that Council recently approved the Park Mobile app to all meters, but there is not an exclusive contract with them. Current E-Z Pass Parking cards will still work, but will be switched out over time, but new cards will function the same for users.

Mr. Wilson felt that the DLC is concerned that we are at a crossroads on downtown parking and he hopes for better data in coming months. The perception of no parking is a problem as people won't come downtown if they think they won't be able to park.

Discussion of Proposed Fee Structure for Street/Sidewalk Closures

Tim Teddy noted that the Council asked for a report on an inconvenience fee relating to fees charged for various closure needs. Miami, Florida has a sample ordinance that charges 20 cents/running foot and 30/running foot for each lane. That is the model being looked at. There would be a per day/week/month fee for closures. Other issues will be addressed such as partial closures, etc. That report will go to Council on September, 6th and the proposed rate would be 20 cents per foot per day. The group discussed a refund for completing projects early, or a sliding scale based on length of closure time. Mr. Stone suggested the DLC make their opinion known to Council when this goes to them.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to support the concept of the fee structure for sidewalk and street closures. Ms. Hammen seconded.

Ms. Hammen amended the motion to include that the DLC recommends that the fees be increased to more accurately reflect the cost of the disruption to the citizens and surrounding businesses; and to adequately provide notice to surrounding businesses; with an escalating fee scale based on the extent and time requested. Mr. Gray seconded. The motion as amended was approved unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Development Code: Prepare DLC Feedback Letter

Mr. Teddy explained that tomorrow is the last Planning and Zoning Committee meeting to review the code. It is open to the public and begins at 5:30. The topic is MD-T and there are about a dozen issues to review with them. City Council will have a draft in about a month and a tentative Public Hearing on October 20th.

Mr. Wahrenbrock read an email from the Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) noting their stance. They have discussed strengthening the demolition ordinance by lengthening the review time to capture a minimum of two commission meetings. They also intend to introduce additional language that would allow HPC to turn down an application for demolition; then the applicant could object and present to council directly if they wanted to pursue the issue.