



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Parking Advisory Commission

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

3:30 PM

Regular

Room 1A/1B

City Hall

701 E Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by Mike McClung

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In addition to the commission members, also present were Michael Sokoff, Transit & Parking Manager for the City of Columbia; John Ogan, Public Information Specialist with the City of Columbia; and Cindy Rueger, Senior Administrative Support Assistant with the City of Columbia.

Present: 5 - Gregory Cecil, Kenny Kvam, Michael McClung, Scott Smith and Steven Jeffrey

Absent: 2 - William Moyes and Heath Immel

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion approved at 3:30 pm
Mover Kenny Kvam, Seconder Jeffrey Steven

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion approved at 3:30 pm
Mover Kenny Kvam, Seconder Jeffrey Steven
PAC Minutes June 1 2022

Attachments: [PAC Minutes June 1 2022](#)

V. OLD BUSINESS

August Parking Revenues through 08-18-22

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Overall, the parking utility is close to being back to where we were in 2019. Our permit revenue is down, but we've sold a lot of permits this year, we've filled the garages, and the Armory Sports Center is the only lot available at this time. Cindy Rueger reported on permit sales. Ken Kvam asked about demographics, Cindy answered that customers are mainly students wanting permits at the Sixth & Cherry garage. Mike Sokoff said that having a website made it more user friendly and hopefully next year, we can have online permit sales. Once the top floors at Fifth & Walnut garage are opened, another 150 permits will open up. This should be before the end of the year, weather permitting. Meter revenue is consistent and motorists have been compliant.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Aligning enforcement times for garages and meters

Mike McClung said that the CID formally requested this change. After research and analysis, it is possible and easier for the parking utility to change the meters rather than run the risk of creating more problems by changing garage enforcement times. This entails changing on-street enforcement times to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, replacing stickers on meters and editing the ParkMobile app. Mike Sokoff said that the revenue loss of this change would be negligible and the change would be good for compliance. The change could be publicized via media. The next step would be the PAC drafting a letter to Council.

Ken Kvam moves that we support this. Seconded by Scott Smith at 3:44 PM.

2. 5th / Walnut Garage panel installations

PC&E are contracted to design the window coverings for fall prevention. There are 171 different, various sized openings over floors 5 to 8. The cost of the project is estimated at \$400,000. At the time of this PAC meeting, the project manager at PC&E said that they are in the process of field drawings and it will be 5-6 weeks after the designs are complete for fabrication and delivery. Installation should begin this fall.

3. Changing meter times to better fit the needs of customers

Mike Sokoff showed a color-coded map of parking times in the City and suggested having three time limits consisting of 1 hour, 3 hours and 10 hours.

The 1 hour meters would be located where 24 minute and 1 hour meters, typically around government buildings, are currently. The 3 hour meters would be in the Broadway area and the business district. The 10 hour meter would be perimeter parking for ParkMobile permit holders or for residents. Mike Sokoff spoke of the purpose of parking meters to encourage turnover and asked the PAC to discuss the 3 hour choice. Mike McClung said nationally, people are changing from a 2 hour limit base to a 3 hour one. Ken Kvam asked if a 1, 3, 10 plan is used by other municipalities. Mike Sokoff replied that having ParkMobile makes paying for parking easier and we need to tailor our scheme to what best fits Columbia. Scott Smith said that he would like to know about employees parking in public spaces wondering if it would make it easier for workers to park downtown. Mike McClung said that, based on his experience with employees, it is on the business owner to convince employees not to park in meters with low time limits.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

At the previous night's Council meeting, the Mayor questioned the need for having the Parking Advisory Commission, and suggested that the CID could take on the PAC's responsibilities. Mike Sokoff stated that the PAC has value to the City for their logic and representation from the community in the decision-making process, and in helping the City make reasonable changes.

Mike McClung suggested and Ken Kvam moved that a letter should be sent to the Council to establish that the PAC is relevant, the PAC should be reduced by two spots on the commission, and the quorum be based on the number of filled seats as opposed to the number of seats available. This motion was seconded by Steven Jeffrey and passed at 4:43 PM.

Ken Kvam asked about our relationship with Walker. Mike Sokoff replied it is still active and work on the Eighth & Cherry garage can begin in Spring 2023. Sixth and Cherry garage, Fifth and Walnut garage and Short Street garage are to be assessed soon. Mike Sokoff stated that electric charging stations will be on the next agenda for the PAC.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday Oct 5, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion approved at 4:45 pm

Mover Scott Smith, Seconded Gregory Cecil

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