

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## May 17, 2012

## Civic Center Plaza 1200 Third Avenue, 14th Floor San Diego, CA 92101

<b>Board Members PRESENT</b>	<b>Board Members NOT PRESENT</b>
Richard Stegner	Michael McNeill
Landry Watson	Jennifer Finnegan
Gary Smith	Andrew Phillips
Tom Brady	
John Cunningham	
Ernestine Bonn	
Linda Stanley	
Benjamin Nicholls	
Roger Lewis	

### **CITY STAFF**

Meredith Dibden Brown – Economic Development - CPD Program Acting Lt. Paul Connelly – Police Department Joe Arway – Supervisor - Parking Enforcement

#### 1. Roll Call and Introductions

Chair John Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and then attendees introduced themselves.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 19, 2012 were approved with corrections.

**Motion: Richard Stegner / Second: Ernestine Bonn. 8**-0-1 with Benjamin Nicholls abstaining. Revisions to Draft:

• Corrected Item 4c-Line 1 typographical error "ilkely" to "likely".

- Corrected Item 5-Line 2 typographical error "2112" to "2012".
- Corrected Item 8i-Line 3 typographical error "Compass St" to "Campus Avenue" and modified 4<sup>th</sup> sentence from "A red curb survey was conducted with changes creating many extra parking spaces though new development adds red curb and may mean spaces need to be moved across the street.", to "A red curb survey was conducted with changes creating many extra parking spaces. A new development at Polk and Park is removing angle parking spaces which need to be moved across the street."

#### 3. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

#### 4. Board Administrative Items Administrative Items

- a. None
- b. None.
- c. None
- d. None

#### 5. Traffic Circulation Study Around the UC San Diego Hillcrest Medical Center

Mr. Aaron Byzak, Mr. Zachary Schlagel, and Ms. Anu Delouri provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Traffic Circulation Study around the UC San Diego (UCSD) Hillcrest Medical Center and related parking impacts from UCSD staff and customers. The current ER traffic route up First Ave from Washington St includes a dog leg and limited visibility when crossing Lewis St. Poor signage in the vicinity regarding the one-way travel is not always seen by motorists thus creating a hazard. Additionally, there is a mix of one-way and two-way streets in the neighborhood which do not contribute to safe and efficient traffic flow. The study sought to identify issues and possible solutions. Three alternatives were identified including: 1) reversing the flow of one-way traffic on Front St. and First Ave.; 2) two way traffic on Front St. and First Ave.; and 3) one-way on Front St. toward UCSD and two-way traffic on First Ave. UCSD has contracted with KOA to conduct a further study on the alternatives and is holding a community forum on June 27, 2012 to solicit community feedback on the alternatives.

As part of addressing traffic and parking concerns in the neighborhood, UCSD contacted the DMV for enforcement of mis-use of disabled placards since it was felt that improper use might be likely in the community since enforcement occurs in UCSD lots. A surface lot on Montecito has been purchased by UCSD and will be used to create 100+ parking spaces and landscaping in the short term which should reduce neighborhood parking impacts. UCSD also provides a free shuttle and carpool services to mitigate neighborhood parking impacts and provides parking information around the facility and when employees are hired.

There was discussion about the alternatives, current parking costs, free valet parking service for disabled, the use of adjacent time limited spaces, MTS bus (re)locations, thirteen added crosswalks for pedestrian access and safety, sales by residents of their parking permits, and traffic flows (egress) around 5:00 p.m. City staff had suggested extending the residential permit parking to Saturdays to address concerns on weekends and identified possible locations for angle parking. There was also further discussion about enforcement of mis-use of disabled placards and Lt. Connelly advised that

since January 2012, a unit has been focused on this enforcement and has confiscated 100 placards. It can be difficult to enforce since officer has to catch the driver in order to request to view the certificate for the placard. Finally, UCSD staff advised that they are engaging the community in planning for the replacement of the Hospital to meet seismic standards.

#### 6. City Parking Regulations and Processes – Pilot Program

Mr. Gary Smith advised that the Pilot has been a failure so far. Transportation Engineering (TE) staff have taken action without consulting DPMG of the changes. However, requests from the DPMG have yet to be implemented. Since there have been no attendees at the last two DPMG meetings no information is coming back to the Board. He will try this one last month but believes that a formal process will be needed to force participation.

#### 7. Angle Parking – Requirements for Installation

Staff provided an overview of applicable legislation and City activities to date regarding an Angle Parking Policy as summarized on a handout, including the belief that authority could not be delegated to the Mayor to implement such parking. Ms. Ernie Bonn then advised of the issues surrounding proposed new angle parking locations, in particular, the petition requirements being too high. There was discussion about different locations with angle parking and how they had been installed via resolution, ordinance, or other means ("Pilot Program"). Mr. Roger Lewis advised that it had taken TE staff two years to install angle parking on Kansas St. including gaining support from the community and planning groups. There was also discussion about TE resistance to change including implementing angle parking and residential permit parking. Staff agreed to research and provide the most recently proposed angle parking policy for discussion at the next meeting.

#### 8. Board Priority Items

The Chair invited comments on these items.

- a. Additional Meters Staff advised that a Purchasing Agent had been assigned and the RFP content is being developed.
- In-lieu fees (See Item 9)/Parking Requirements/Transit Overlay Zones Mr. Landry Watson advised that the Community Planning Chairs voted against the proposed changes to Affordable Housing Parking Requirements.
- c. New Technology New enforcement technologies such as AutoVue were discussed and staff advised there are three products available.
- d. Angle Parking Policy See Item 7.
- e. Parking Meter/Time Limits Council Policy 200-04 Questions were raised about removing this item and staff advised that it had been added to discuss possible changes to broaden the perspective of the policy since it is narrowly tailored. There was discussion about reviewing this and CP 200-17 to see if any changes needed.
- f. Parking Permit Programs Mr. Benjamin Nicholls advised that he is drafting the final report which includes possible actions but no changes to policy or municipal code as the issues seem to be with implementation. Mr. Lewis indicated that Council District 3 is interested in moving forward with a program in North Park.
- g. Valet Parking No comments.

h. Balboa Park Parking – Staff advised that appropriate staff were not available to provide an update at this meeting but she was trying to schedule a presentation for the next meeting.

#### **9.** Updates from Represented Constituencies – Information Only

- a. Downtown CPD (Andrew Phillips) Absent.
- b. Uptown CPD (vacant) Mr Ben Verdugo, contractor for the Uptown CPD advisory board, advised that they are working on budgets to send to City staff; are proposing to add seven spaces on Vermont St. which will be referred to Uptown Planners and then City staff; and are piloting a shuttle service on University Ave. using outlying parking lots.
- c. Mid-City CPD (Roger Lewis) Community is close to getting a bike corral installed at North Park Way and 30th St.
- d. Pacific Beach CPD (Michael McNeill) Absent
- e. La Jolla CPD (vacant)
- f. Old Town (Richard Stegner) Waiting on a study from California State Parks regarding proposed paid parking in the State Park and hoping to hear within 60 days.
- g. CD1 (Tom Brady) Parkers are asking the T&T Committee about proliferation of painted red curbs in areas near UCSD (illegally painted?) in the La Jolla Farms area. Also asked about painting of T's on-street to eliminate single cars taking up two spaces in residential areas.
- h. CD2 (John Cunningham) Defer to Gary Smith's report regarding proposed Downtown Hospitality District.
- i. CD3 (Ernestine Bonn) Two hour parking has been installed in front of her office building but a business person across the street was opposed and thought they should have been consulted however only adjoining property/business owners must be petitioned. Also, there was interest from a business owner in the 4200 block of Park Blvd of changing some yellow curb to green and using angle parking.
- j. CD4 (vacant)
- k. CD5 (vacant)
- 1. CD6 (Linda Stanley) Found out that since it is a commercial zone that 18 wheelers parking on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. are legal and Council District 6 advised taking the pulse of the community through the local planning group to determine if this is a broader issue.
- m. CD7 (Jennifer Finnegan) Absent.
- n. CD8 (vacant)
- o. Community Planning Committee (Landry Watson) Nothing new.
- p. BID Council (Benjamin Nicholls) The first bike corral in the City with space for 12 bikes was installed at University and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues by taking one parking space.
- q. At-large Representative (Gary Smith) DPMG votes to establish boundaries for a Hospitality District (mostly Gaslamp) and recommended shifting hours of meter operation (and parking enforcement) from 8am-6pm to 10am-8pm since the meters are underutilized in the morning but in the evenings are tied up with parkers arriving near 6:00 p.m. and paying a nickel or so to then attend a ball game or go to work. DPMG also recommended changes to parking garage rates to encourage employees and others to move from on-street to off-street parking. These changes are proposed to create turnover and assist retail businesses which are staying open later. The recommendations are still being refined but DPMG wished to start discussions regarding meet and confer for late enforcement. DPMG is also proposing time limited parking on Sundays near the waterfront with hours and other concerns to be refined while the concept moves forward. There was a question about enforcement by bike patrols and Lt. Connelly indicated that bike

patrol officers who are on duty from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. can write tickets for parking time limit/meter violations however these are not their primary concern.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Final Approved:	June 21, 2012
Motion by:	Richard Stegner / Second Ernestine Bonn 8-0-2
Revisions to Draft:	Andrew Phillips and Jennifer Finnegan abstained. None