



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**PARKING ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

August 21, 2008

City Administration Building
202 C Street, 12th Floor - Conference Room
San Diego, CA 92101

Board Members PRESENT	Board Members EXCUSED	Board Members ABSENT
Frank Alessi Cindy Lehman Richard Stegner John Pilch Paul Robinson Martin Moiser John Cunningham Ernie Bonn Linda Stanley Diana Spyridonidis		Polly Gillette Peter Wagener Michael McNeill Roberta Eidemiller

CITY STAFF
Meredith Dibden Brown, OSB - Community Parking District Program Michael Calabrese – Office of the City Attorney Kimberly Kaelin – Office of the City Attorney Byron Hibshman – San Diego Police Department Scott Thompson – San Diego Police Department Brad Jacobsen – Traffic Engineering Mark Rogers – Traffic Engineering

OTHERS PRESENT
Carol Schultz Gary Weber
Nora Bradley

1. Roll Call

Paul Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from July 17, 2008 were approved.

Motion: John Pilch/ Second: Ernestine Bonn.

3. Public Comment (non-agenda)

None

4. Administrative Items

None

5. Information- Updates

- a. **Uptown** – Carol Schultz reported that Parking Operations had successfully participated in CityFest with a demonstration of the new parking meter and Jose Rios and staff had been on hand all day to answer questions.
- b. **Downtown** – Frank Alessi reported that the Comprehensive Parking Plan should be finalized sometime around October 2008. The report will then be presented to DPMG, CCAC and the CCDC Board. Frank also gave an overview of the proposed “Universal Valet” program to be piloted in Little Italy and which involves a proposed contract for \$30,000 with Little Italy Association for marketing and signage and a proposed one year contract with ACE Parking for around \$98,000. The program is proposed to operate on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights during peak parking hours with two valet stands. The initial valet fee will be \$10. Frank noted that a newspaper article had questioned the pilot contracts however ACE Parking was the only respondent to the Request for Proposals. There was some discussion about the program in general and then also City permit charges for Valet services. It was noted that such a valet service should have the potential to generate net revenue. With regards to liability issues, ACE Parking is required to hold insurance and name the City and CCDC as additionally insured.
- c. **Old Town** – Richard Stegner reported that there was a meeting regarding the parking lot behind the Church which is the proposed site of a parking structure. The City is asking the State to fix some items before the lot is taken over. Richard also commented on the screens on the new meters in the Downtown area and noted that they were hard to read.
- d. **Council District 6** – Linda Stanley provided photos of some oversize vehicles parked on the street in Council District 6.

6. Pedicab Regulation

Brad Jacobsen from Traffic Engineering presented information about proposed changes to the Municipal Code based on concerns generated by current pedicab operations, especially the parking of pedicabs in metered parking spaces in the Marina area while waiting for fares. Proposed changes include changing the permit to calendar year permits which are valid from November 1 through October 31 of the following year. Issues raised by the Board include questions regarding leaving pedicabs unattended, impounding of pedicabs and associated costs, the removal of permits by a peace officer, the designation of zones, and the education of operators. There was also discussion regarding the restriction on requiring a drivers license for the issuance of a permit because of State law. Brad reported that there had been extensive meetings with pedicab owners in order to develop the proposed changes but the Board requested

more input from owners. (Note: the owners, typically, do not operate the pedicabs but lease the vehicles out; oftentimes the operators are foreign nationals who are in the U.S. on a short term basis.)

This item was trailed to September 18, 2008 to allow for feedback from affected pedicab owners.

7. Veterans Exemption from Parking Meter Fees

Mark Rogers from Traffic Engineering reported that the City had received a request from Veterans' organizations to exempt certain veterans, whose vehicles display specified license plates, to park without charge in metered on-street parking spaces in the City of San Diego. Free parking would be provided to vehicles displaying the following special license plates, issued by the State of California:

- 1) Pearl Harbor Survivor Plates.
- 2) Legion of Valor Plates.
- 3) Former American Prisoner of War (POW) Plates.
- 4) Congressional Medal of Honor Plates.
- 5) Purple Heart Plates.

The State has just passed a law AB190 (not yet signed by the Governor) which would enable California cities to opt in to waiving fees for certain veterans rather than requiring individual ordinances by cities, however the City of San Diego could adopt its own ordinance. The City of Santa Monica conducted a fiscal study, based on Los Angeles county data, and projected a loss of 0.02% of all meter revenues.

The Board discussed the proposal in the context of how many vehicles might be eligible and whether this would lead to other requests for special consideration.

Motion: John Cunningham / No second
Approve the exemptions.

Motion: Martin Mosier / No second
Reject the exemptions in present form.

Motion: John Cunningham / Second: John Pilch Motion failed 4 yes/ 6 no.
Accept the staff report .

Staff was requested to research and provide additional information regarding possible numbers of eligible vehicles and related fiscal impacts and to report back at the next meeting. This item was then trailed to the next meeting.

8. Conflict of Interest Code and Community Parking District Council Policy

Board Members received draft revisions to the City Attorney's COI proposal from Carol Schultz of Uptown Partnership. Carol noted that the proposed revisions re-formatted text in Category 1 and then eliminated Category 3 altogether since it was a catch-all provision. Michael Calabrese noted that Category 3 was largely duplicative of Category 2. The City Attorney's office will support a legally sufficient code and the proposed revisions still seem to be sufficient. They

more closely follow land use board conflict of interest codes. This item was trailed to the next meeting to give board members time to review the proposed revisions.

Meredith gave an update and reported that another Deputy Attorney, Jana Garmo, has reviewed the 1472 and has prepared a draft ordinance to amend the San Diego Municipal Code. It is hoped that this would go to Council in September. Scott Kessler is briefing Mayor's staff on this.

9. Movement of Vehicles to Circumvent Posted Parking Restrictions

Martin Mosier reported that a demonstration of the AutoVu system is scheduled for the week of September 2, 2008 and that Mary Cornicelli and staff from SDPD will attend. He further commented that SDPD staff generally liked the recommended language change to the Municipal Code but were more hesitant of the use of new technology.

10. DPMG Report and Recommendations on Enhanced Parking Initiatives

Meredith Dibden Brown reported that City staff is tweaking the final documents and gathering information on possible implementation issues in preparation for Council. It is hoped that the recommendations will be docketed in the next two months.

11. Next Meeting Date and Tentative Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were identified.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2008

Final Approved: November 20, 2008 (no Board Meeting September 18, 2008 and minutes trailed from meeting of October 16, 2008.)

Motion by: Cindy Lehman/John Pilch

Revisions to Draft: *Double Underlined and Italic*