



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2010

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

<b>Board Members PRESENT</b>	<b>Board Members NOT PRESENT</b>
Frank Alessi Cindy Lehman Roger Lewis Richard Stegner John Pilch Paul Robinson Tom Brady John Cunningham Ernestine Bonn Linda Stanley Jennifer Finnegan	Michael McNeill Jay Riordan

<b>CITY STAFF</b>
Beth Murray, CPCI – Economic Development Meredith Dibden Brown, CPCI - OSB - Community Parking District Program Mark Rogers – E&CP - Transportation Engineering Operations

<b>OTHERS</b>
Andy Hoskinson, Ecotality Carol Schultz, Uptown Partnership

## 1. Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Frank Alessi called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and attendees introduced themselves.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from July 15, 2010 were approved.

Motion: John Pilch / Second: Jennifer Finnegan. Passed unanimously.

## 3. Public Comment (non-agenda)

Ernestine Bonn inquired as to the status of the Angle Parking Policy and noted that it did not appear that SANDAG needed to comply with the current requirement to obtain 75% approval from property owners, managers, or tenants on the abutting properties on both sides of the street. Mark Rogers from Transportation Engineering advised that the City Attorney's office had opined that legislative action is required and therefore angle parking cannot be administratively approved under a policy. It was then suggested that perhaps the Traffic Engineering policies need to be reviewed and revised to allow for the recommendation by a CPD or Planning Area body and to reduce the approval rate requirement to a simple majority.

## 4. Administrative Items

- a. Tom Brady asked about paid parking in Balboa Park. Frank Alessi advised that Mark Johnson of Civitas is the consultant working on the Plaza De Panama proposal and could probably provide a presentation at a future meeting and discuss the financing for a parking structure.
- b. None
- c. See agenda items for information from CPCI staff.
- d. None.

## 5. Information- Updates

- a. Downtown CPD – See Item 9. Frank advised that CCDC is working on a Bike Corral Pilot and a presentation could be provided on this as a future meeting agenda item. It is proposed to locate the corrals in underutilized areas and red curbs where vehicle parking is not feasible. Possible pedicab locations (mostly in Gaslamp) have been discussed with Mark Rogers but are still under review. Regarding pedicab operations, it was also noted that Police enforcement on location criteria is not happening in Downtown which has restricted zones unlike other areas such as North Park.
- b. Uptown CPD – The Community Plan update is proceeding and the mobility element will be discussed at the next meeting. The City response to the Grand Jury report on the Uptown Community Parking District program indicated that various analyses would be completed. Beth Murray estimated that the analysis would be completed within six months. Neighborhood Services Committee meeting at the end of the month.
- c. Mid-City CPD – It was reported that Mid-City had not met for a few months but the outstanding issue of the Angle Parking policy had not moved.
- d. Pacific Beach CPD – None

- e. La Jolla CPD – It is quiet.
- f. Old Town – Efforts to install angle parking on San Diego Avenue are underway and that possibly 15 spaces could be added based on the engineering comments from a few years ago..
- g. Council Districts 1 through 8 –Ernestine Bonn (CD3) discussed the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project and indicated there are community concerns with the proposed mitigation efforts to make up for spaces to be eliminated on Park Boulevard and that the proposal physically divides the street and removes trees and lighting and other amenities.
- h. Community Planning Committee – None.
- i. BIDC – The Cleveland National Forest Foundation is providing outreach and soliciting input from the community to ensure that SANDAG chooses the best transit network to include in the Urban Area Transit Strategy and in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, and that transit receives its fair share of transportation funds.
- j. At-large Representative – Paul Robinson noted that every community could use angle parking.

## 6. Prioritize Items for future Consideration/Action by the Board

Meredith Dibden Brown provided the list with the rankings of the board members. There was some discussion about the various items and that some could be consolidated. It was also suggested that parking requirements, in-lieu fees, and transit overlay zones are related (and include elements of the Land Development Code).

**Motion: Define the final list of topics for initial consideration and action by the Board as: Additional Meters; In-lieu Fees/Parking Requirements/Transit Overlay Zones; New Technology; Angle Parking Policy; and Parking Meter/Time Limits Policy. Jennifer Finnegan / Second: Roger Lewis. Passed unanimously.**

## 7. Affordable Housing Parking Study Stakeholders Group

John Pilch reported no update as of the meeting.

## 8. Mayor's Five Year Parking Meter Utilization Improvement Plan Update

Meredith Dibden Brown explained (as previously reported) that staff is still researching and reviewing the elements of the Fiscal Impact section of the Plan.

## 9. Multi-Space Parking Pay Station Update

Council approved the purchase of multi-space pay stations (meters) from Cale Parking Systems USA, Inc. on September 14, 2010. The 51 pilot meters were purchased at a discount along with 80 new meters of which 1 pilot meter and 5 new meters are to be installed in Uptown and the balance will be in Downtown.

## 10. Single Space New Technology Parking Meter Pilot Update

Meredith Dibden Brown advised that the copy of the agreement between the City of Los Angeles and IPS for single space parking systems had been received and forwarded that to the Purchasing and Contracting Department buyer for review and possible piggybacking.

## **11. EV Project Presentation**

Andy Hoskinson of Ecotality provided information on the EV Project. ECOTality is the lead grantee and project manager for The EV Project, which was established last year with a grant of \$98.8 million from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The grant was recently expanded by another \$15 million of ARRA funds from the DOE. The grants are also matched by private investment, bringing the total value of the project to approximately \$230 million.

San Diego is among the 13 major metropolitan areas included in this project. It is proposed that more than 15,000 home and commercial charging stations will be installed in the test areas altogether. It is anticipated that approximately 8,000 electric vehicles (EV) will be released over the course of a year and this project will provide for the collection of data on how the vehicles, batteries and chargers perform in various climates and geographies. The project will also evaluate the charge infrastructure itself and conduct trials of various revenue systems.

As part of the project, Ecotality has been working with San Diego stakeholders including San Diego Gas & Electric and SANDAG to determine the most effective way to install the charging infrastructure which is considered critical to the successful long-term adoption of electric vehicles in the region. As part of this process they are interested in installing charging infrastructure in the public right of way, however, they understand that there are many concerns around this and therefore are interested in piloting this in one or two spaces at a time.

If an EV is parked for one to two hours then the charge will provide about 20 to 30 miles of travel to, hopefully, the next charging destination. The EV charging cable couplings are now standardized and the charging stations include ADA-compliant models. The EV charging ports for the Volt and the Leaf are either on the front corner or in front of the radiator. The charging stations need to be installed in such a manner as to prevent vehicles from running into the stations and a nearby power supply is required (approximately a 40 amp circuit).

In Downtown, they are looking at private and public structures and lots which may allow for Level I, II, or III charging stations. On the information side, phone apps could help drivers locate available charging locations and reserve spaces. With regard to damage or vandalism of the stations, Ecotality has insurance to cover this contingency. Ecotality is also working with rental car companies on possible collaborations.

It was suggested that this be on the agenda of the November 2010 board meeting for follow up. In the meantime, staff would coordinate with Andy to obtain more information for that meeting.

## **12. Next Meeting Date and Tentative Agenda Items**

The next meeting date is October 21, 2010.

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Final Approved: November 18, 2010  
Motion by: John Pilch / Second Richard Stegner  
Approved 10-yes 0-no 0-abstentions  
Revisions to Draft: See Item 6 *Text Double Underlined and Italicized*

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