



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2009

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

<b>Board Members PRESENT</b>	<b>Board Members EXCUSED</b>	<b>Board Members ABSENT</b>
Frank Alessi Cindy Lehman Richard Stegner Paul Robinson Tom Brady John Cunningham Ernestine Bonn Jay Riordan Linda Stanley Jennifer Finnegan	John Pilch	Polly Gillette

<b>CITY STAFF</b>
Meredith Dibden Brown, CPCI - OSB - Community Parking District Program Mark Rogers - Transportation Engineering Operations Siavash Pazargadi - Transportation Engineering Operations

<b>OTHERS</b>
Patrick Hubbard Carol Schultz

### 1. Roll Call

Paul Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.; introductions were made; and three new boardmembers were acknowledged – Tom Brady (District 1), Jay Riordan (District 5), and Jennifer Finnegan (District 7).

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from March 19, 2009 were approved. (There was no meeting in April 2009 and the May 2009 meeting was cancelled since a quorum could not be attained).

Motion: John Cunningham / Second: Frank Alessi

## **3. Public Comment (non-agenda)**

Mark Rogers introduced his supervisor, Siavash Pazargadi, Senior Traffic Engineer in Transportation Engineering Operation. Siavash provided his contact information in the event that that meeting attendees had any questions or concerns about parking/traffic. For information on this division he suggested reviewing the City Budget which is on-line at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov).

## **4. Administrative Items**

- a. None.
- b. None.
- c. Staff provided an update on the process for Council approval of the Community Parking Districts (CPDs) Plans and Budgets for FY2010. It is proposed to present the Plans and Budgets to the Budget & Finance Committee on July 8, 2009 or to the Land Use and Housing Committee on July 15, 2009, and then to the full Council hopefully by the end of July 2009.
- d. None.

## **5. Information- Updates**

- a. Frank Alessi commented that it had been reported that a parking space had been sold in Boston for \$320,000.
- b. Carol Schultz reported that interest in the Uptown CPD had increased due to the Parking Meter Utilization Improvement Plan and the decision to expend the parking meter revenue reserve. Uptown Partnership had received a letter from the Council members for Districts 2 and 3 regarding re-organization of the Board and the Board is trying to be responsive. A Parking Forum is to be held on July 2, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church located at 4190 Front Street, at which the public is invited to speak for a maximum of three minutes each and the Board will be listening to all speakers.
- c. Ernie Bonn reported that Uptown Planners and Mid-City Planners are unhappy about the loss of parking and amenities in major intersections on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit line between College and Downtown.
- e. Tom Brady reported that the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Committee identified about 80 additional spaces that could be created on-street. Committee representatives will be meeting with City Traffic Operations staff on this.
- f. Richard Stegner reported that Old Town Parking Advisory Board is still looking at taking over the lot behind the church by entering into a lease. There have been on-going relayed phone messages with the City's Real Estate Assets Department (READ) regarding this matter. If paid parking is introduced in the lot then it is thought there will be a domino effect and paid parking will gradually be implemented in other lots. Old Town is working on a parking impact plan if this occurs.

- g. Linda Stanley reported that in Council District 6 on Clairemont Drive at Clairemont Square across from the North Clairemont Library there are vans being parked for an excessive number of days. A San Diego parking enforcement officer responded to complaints and indicated that this was appropriate since they are in a commercial zone which has upset the local residents. Lt. Dan Christman offered to look into the situation.

## **6. Affordable Housing Parking Study Stakeholders Group**

Michele St. Bernard, who is the Affordable Housing Coordinator for the City's Redevelopment Division, provide some background on Affordable Housing parking and indicated that there are conflicting opinions as to parking needs and that some believe that low-mod-income residents typically don't own as many vehicles and therefore, don't need as much parking while others believe that resident family sizes tend to be larger with more drivers and cars and, therefore, more off-street parking is needed.

The purpose of the Affordable Housing Parking Study is to look at existing conditions and conduct meetings with funders such as Redevelopment, CDBG, SEDC, Housing Commission, etc., and to then come up with recommendations on the off-street parking requirements for affordable housing projects. An element of the study is the stakeholders group; City staff wants to conduct four meetings over the course of the year to identify issues with existing parking policies. The ultimate goal is to modify the City's Land Development Code. Planning staff will take the lead on this project and it is anticipated that this study will interface with community plan updates.

Paul Robinson offered to be an alternate to the group and staff was asked to contact John Pilch to ascertain his interest in participating.

## **7. Mayor's Five Year Parking Utilization Plan**

Meredith Dibden Brown provided an update on the Plan and noted changes that had been incorporated based on comments from the City Council at the March 30, 2009 meeting. In particular, the recommended maximum hourly meter rate was reduced to \$2.50 and the extent of the hours of operation of parking meters was set at 11:00 p.m. instead of 2:00 a.m. Other changes included requiring City staff to produce an annual report on the use of the parking meter revenue; establishing an appeal process for residents, business, and property owners within a certain radius of parking meters so they could appeal to the Council if the implemented changes would not be consistent with achieving the target meter utilization rate.

The board members reviewed the summary sheet and suggested changes to the language or layout to more clearly convey the intent of the Plan. A meeting attendee asked about paid parking at the beaches and staff noted that the Plan recommendations would only impact existing parking meters. Another attendee asked if the City had specific changes in mind for the areas with meters and staff responded and indicated that such recommendations, if any, were expected to come from the affected communities and not from staff. Don Mullen, Chief of Policy to Councilmember Marti Emerald, commented that none of the Councilmember's suggestions had been incorporated in the revised Plan and requested that her memo be distributed.

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

Deputy City Attorney Adam Wander advised that the draft code was being reviewed by another deputy city attorney and that he had provided information on the Community parking Districts and that the code is being worked on.

## **9. Movement of Vehicles to Circumvent Posted Parking Restrictions**

Meredith Dibden Brown indicated that Lt. Dan Christman had presented information about the Pilot in La Jolla regarding enforcement and the use of the AutoVue system. It was noted that any change to the City's municipal code regarding minimum movement of vehicles would rely upon some kind of technology like AutoVue to facilitate enforcement. It appeared that there needed to be more discussion in the community on this technology and enforcement options.

## **10. Oversize Vehicle Ordinance**

Mark Rogers advised that Transportation Engineering was asked in March 2009 to update signage cost estimates for the Pilot. Nothing is being pursued at this time and he had not heard from Council on this.

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

The next meeting date is July 16, 2009.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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Motion by: John Cunningham / Cindy Lehman  
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