

Parking Committee Minutes of January 12, 2021

Call to order: 7:34 am by Chairman Carrier via GoToMeeting

Roll Call: Matt Carrier, Mayor Ringberg, Police Chief Fangman, Public Works Director Kovachevich, David Eades, Bryce Albrecht, Beta Bodin, Bob Zawialak, Curt Basina, Office Assistant Mather

Absent: Joanne Cirillo

Approve Agenda: Basina/ Fangman. Mayor Ringberg would like a few minutes to talk about the state of the City. Carried.

Approve Minutes: Eades/ Fangman. Change "Kurt" to "Curt". Issue with quorum of the Council—if it is posted that there a quorum of the council and stay within the purview of the parking committee there are no issues. Carried.

Public Input: Email from Joanne Cirillo noting that she would like to resign from the committee.

Agenda

State of the City: Mayor Ringberg addressed the committee regarding a letter sent out last November. The City needs revenue—each year the City cuts more in order to make the budget balanced. There are limitations in how we can create new revenue streams in the City without borrowing. Borrowing funds would put the debt on to the levy and ultimately increase property taxes. The City should not be borrowing funds for maintenance needs. Most equitable way would be to increase fees for services in order to generate revenue.

1). Establish Committee:

- a). Official welcoming of Curt Basina. Involvement on the committee to help provide a voice to the Red Cliff community that might not otherwise know about fee for services regarding parking.
- b). Correspondence from IPS (parking company) about in person demo. Tabled to item 6.

2). Parking map and Key: Mayor Ringberg compiled a draft parking map for fee for service parking which includes different zones and pricing for the zones. Map and key are attached.

- a). Parking Area: Front Street to Third Street and Washington to Wilson.
- b). Zones: 10 different zones.
- c). Pricing: Pricing ranges from \$1.30/ hour in areas further from downtown to \$2.00/ hr in "prime zones" (Rittenhouse/ Front Street).
- d). Regulations:
 - Not charging from 2pm to 6 am in certain zones—no overnight or long-term parking. Should we be charging until 8pm or later? Discussion. How much money would each space make? A lot of commerce happens after 6pm in downtown area. Even if not strictly enforced 6pm to 8pm City can still make money.
 - Kovachevich noted that the parking map we have is not entirely up to date—it is an older map so space numbers could be off.
 - 48 hours parking in certain lots and side streets—should this change? Discussion. Would require ordinance change—should implement code/ordinances in parking management plan.
 - Could boats use app to pay for transient dockage? Implement later in phased stages? Bring Harbor Commission in if needed.
 - Enforcement is not the main priority of the Chief right now so due to staffing issues; parking attendant would be needed to enforce fee for service parking—not "tickets" but friendly term.

- One to two spots plus one handicap spot in front of post office for people to pick up mail. Currently there's a 15-minute parking sign in front of post office—this should stay. Pass holders would still not have to pay if those spots are taken.
- 15-30-minute spots in front of Andy's same as post office?
- State law advises that disabled plates with the owner of the plate/vehicle (not a family member) are exempt from any time limits in any spot they park and parking fees.
- Parking in Marina lot—allow people to park there for a fee but free for Marina users. Lease issues?
- Boaters at boat ramp—meet with vendor to see how we could accommodate larger vehicles and trailers better? Direct to a more appropriate location based of vehicle size? Boat ramp fees are going up in 2021—include parking into boater fees and have Harbor pay back to general fund? Cheaper places to launch boat and park vehicle nearby—we should not be trying to drive these people away. Can you charge launch fee and parking fee on top of that?
- Need to address overall long-term health and needs of parking in the City—hopefully fee for service parking can help generate revenue to help long-term health—lots/street side parking.
- Parking benefit district—extra dollars after expenditures are paid for to help increase the assets of the area where the parking exists.

3). Review and discuss Parking Survey: Poor internet access in parts of Red Cliff to put the survey out via electronic version only. Discussion. We need to reach the maximum amount of people we can. Basina to run past Tribal Chair to put on agenda. Eades offered to set up a terminal in visitor center to take the survey; suggested ranking for certain items. Paper copies? Mather and Carrier will work on the survey and implement it by January 22, 2021—information back by in February for March meeting.

4). Review/ Discuss Draft Parking Plan: Plan is laid out a little different in comparison to zones Mayor had put together. "Enforcement Ambassador"—point of interest/ where to park—more of a positive than punitive. How to pay for parking ambassador? Best suited for retired or law enforcement/ criminal justice college students, not high schoolers. Most pay is \$12-13/hr. License plate scanners—could be more costly and would need state DMV record system, currently servers are full. Handheld reader? Pay boxes in town and where they would be? Provide feedback and comments from each person to Carrier by January 24th. Long term ideas for the plan are welcomed and encouraged.

5). Review/Discuss proposed schedule for committee: Pretty hefty schedule of approximate dates. Kovachevich noted that June and July busy months for Public Works to be putting up signs. Finding a person to work this summer could be difficult—someone from the area? Implementation by July of 2021.

6). Update on Parking Committees: Mather will work on a pros and cons list of both app meter company and work with Chief Fangman about specific enforcement questions to provide to parking companies.

- a). Passport Parking: App based. In consideration.
- b). Park Mobile: App based. In consideration.
- c). IPS: Metered parking with physical meters—app available if meters are currently present. Too costly. The committee agreed to forego this company for future consideration

Adjournment: 9:11 am Fangman/ Carrier. Carried.

Next Meeting: February 2, 2021 7:30 am via GoToMeeting.

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