

Advisory Parking Committee
Meeting of August 7, 2024
151 Martin Street, City Commission Room, Birmingham, MI

Minutes

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on August 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Chair Al Vaitas, Vice Chair Richard Astrein; Committee Members Jim Arpin, Kevin Kozlowski, Michelle Moody, Lisa Silverman

Absent: Committee Member Mary-Claire Petcoff

Staff: Parking Systems Manager Ford; Assistant City Manager Clemence, City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn

2. Approval Of Minutes: June 2024

Motion by Astrein

Seconded by Moody to accept the minutes of June 5, 2024.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Silverman, Kozlowski, Moody, Astrein, Vaitas, Arpin

Nays: None

3. Review Interior Garage Signage Concepts from Corbin

PSM Ford presented the item and answered questions from the APC.

APC member comments were as follows:

- Option one had easier to read numbers than option two.
- The diagonal line on the vertical signs for option one should be removed. It could be replaced with the horizontal line from option two, or just a circle around the number.
- The signage on the columns shown on pages 17-18 might peel off if the paint on the columns peels.
- It might be appropriate to make the yellow garage and the orange garage two garages that are more distant from each other so that these similar colors could not be confused on the wayfinding signs.

4. Update from June 24th City Commission Meeting

PSM Ford presented the item and answered informational questions from the APC.

5. Discussion – Review Draft of revised APC roles and duties

PSM Ford presented the item. Staff answered questions from the APC.

Committee members raised the following points during discussion:

- The document should clarify that all metered parking and parking decks in any area of the City would be reviewed by the APC.
- The APC should have goals or values that guide its work, and its responsibilities should flow from said goals and values.
- The goals could include creating an accessible, safe, simple, attractive, well-enforced, and financially-sound parking system, which contributes to the achievement of other City objectives.
- It might be appropriate to have the APC comment on all revenue-generating parking matters within the City, excluding residential permits.
- Alternatively, it might be appropriate to maintain a delineation between parking in the central business district (CBD), handled by the APC, and parking outside of the CBD, handled by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board (MMTB).
- Residents would have a place to raise parking ideas or concerns whether all parking matters are overseen by the APC or whether some parking matters were overseen by the APC and some were overseen by the MMTB.
- It might make less sense for the APC to focus exclusively on the CBD since increasingly businesses, and their parking needs, are being located outside of the CBD as well.
- Resident voters are the owners of the City's parking system, and should have majority representation on the APC as a result. The Business Shopping District (BSD) Board is the most appropriate way for business owners to express their positions on parking.
- It might be useful to make the alternate positions resident-specific.
- It might be appropriate for the APC to resume reviews of dining decks.
- The APC likely has enough business to continue trying to meet monthly.
- It might be appropriate for the APC to review funds from operations on a quarterly basis.
- This topic should be further discussed at the next meeting.

6. Parking Reports

7. Meeting open to the public for items not on the agenda

Chair Vaitas announced that his term on the APC was ending and that he would not be renewing his position.

The APC and staff thanked Chair Vaitas for his years of service to the City.

8. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.



Aaron Ford, Parking Systems Manager

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

APPROVED