

Advisory Parking Committee
Meeting of December 4, 2024
151 Martin Street, City Commission Room, Birmingham, MI

Minutes

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on December 4, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

1. Nomination of Temporary Chair

Motion by Arpin

Seconded by Moody to nominate Kevin.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Petcoff, Silverman, Kozlowski, Moody, Arpin

Nays: None

2. Roll Call

Present: Committee Members Jim Arpin, Kevin Kozlowski, Michelle Moody, Mary-Claire Petcoff, Lisa Silverman

Absent: Michele Taddei

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

3. Nomination and Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Arpin

Seconded by Petcoff to nominate Kevin for permanent Chair.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Petcoff, Silverman, Kozlowski, Moody, Arpin

Nays: None

Motion by Kozlowski

Seconded by Petcoff for Vice Chair, nominate Jim Arpin.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Petcoff, Silverman, Kozlowski, Moody, Arpin

Nays: None

4. Approval of Minutes, October 2024

Motion by Arpin

Seconded by Moody to approve the minutes.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Petcoff, Silverman, Kozlowski, Moody, Arpin

Nays: None

5. Increase parking stall size – Chester Garage

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

During discussion, APC members made the following comments:

- Chester had more use prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, and it would not be impossible that demand could return.
- An 8'9" space would accommodate most vehicles.
- Presently there is a surplus of ADA-compliant spaces, and that number could possibly be reduced in exchange for more non-ADA spaces.
- Changes that would result in fewer parking spaces should be approached cautiously. Birmingham continues to grow, and parking demand is likely to increase with growth.

Motion by Moody

Seconded by Arpin to go with the recommendation of 8'9" in that particular garage.

APC comments on the motion were as follows:

- **A larger SUV cannot comfortably be parked in an 8'3" spot.**

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Petcoff, Silverman, Kozlowski, Moody, Arpin

Nays: None

6. Parking Reports

PSM Ford answered informational questions about the parking reports.

APC members made the following comments during discussion:

- It would be helpful to have quarterly revenue and expense reports so that the APC could better understand cash flow.

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

PSM Ford reported on the finalized updates to the APC's revised roles and responsibilities, aesthetic improvements to the garages, and electric vehicle charging.

APC members made the following comments during discussion:

- The Commission was interested in exploring more substantive improvements to the garages' aesthetics.
- It would be helpful for the APC to have more info on other municipalities' electric vehicle charging business models in order to learn from their implementation, successes, and drawbacks.
- Public electric vehicles chargers would be useful for commuters and commercial electric vehicles.
- It would be helpful to have data on the City's parking demand.
- Knowing the frequency of the garages' reaching maximum capacity can serve as a partial proxy for parking demand.
- Finding another way to monitor street parking demand would be beneficial.
- Parking near the 555 Building is in high demand.
- The City should consider improved incentives for parking in Chester.
- Being very specific about the APC member positions may be too limiting in terms of who can then serve.

8. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.



Aaron Ford, Parking Systems Manager

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist