

PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

7:15 a.m.

Public Safety Center Training Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Turok, Chair Gregory Bortnem Steve Jenson
Borgie Bonthuis (Zoom) Roger Hoffhein

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Eric Peterson and Executive Assistant Julie Spletstoesser

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pete Turok called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Chief Peterson then gave the Oath of Office to Gregory Bortnem and Steve Jenson

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson Pete Turok asked the Board if there were any nominations. Roger Hoffhein said he would consider being Vice Chair. Steve Jenson made a motion to keep Pete Turok as Chairperson and Roger Hoffhein as Vice Chair for the PAB. This motion was seconded by Gregory Bortnem. A vote was called and it passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Steve Jenson to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Gregory Bortnem and passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION - Parking Fine/Permit Fee Study

Chief Peterson advised the board that he had done some research to see what other cities charge for parking ticket fees. They range from \$20 to \$32. The City of Anoka's current parking ticket fee is \$17. Gregory Bortnem suggested having Brenda Springer, Finance Director, attend the next meeting to give a breakdown of where the funds are being used and why we need to get to \$25. Chief Peterson said we do not sell out of parking permits. Borgie Bonthuis said she thinks the City Council made the decision to increase the fee, and not the parking advisory board. Borgie was in favor of raising the fee to a \$20 cap. The Chief said he will look into what Elk River and Stillwater do.

DISCUSSION – 541 Madison Street

The Chief reported that he received a complaint that vehicles are parking right next to the driveway at 541 Madison Street, which makes it hard to pull in and out of the driveway. Steve Jenson said we should table this item and drive by to see what is occurring. Pete Turok said there is no call for action now and this will be put on a future agenda.

DISCUSSION – Parking Lot between The Wheelhouse and Serums on Jackson Street

Gregory Bortnem received an email from Mark Sundberg who is a Ramsey resident. He had a suggestion to make the parking lot a horseshoe lot with angled parking with an east entrance and a west exit, similar to the lot next to City Hall. The Chief said we have not received complaints about this. This item will be put on a future agenda.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

Chair Pete Turok then went over the parking ticket stats for December and the overnight parking ticket stats for the year 2020. We should see an increase in overnight parking tickets due to street plowing and complaints. There was no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregory Bortnem and seconded by Roger Hoffhein. It was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Respectfully,

Chief Eric Peterson

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:15 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Room.