

PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

7:15 a.m.

Public Safety Center Training Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Turok, Chair	Gregory Bortnem	Steve Jenson
Borgie Bonthuis	Roger Hoffhein	Jackie Young

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Eric Peterson and Julie Spletstoesser

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pete Turok called the meeting to order at 7:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2022 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Roger Hoffhein to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Gregory Bortnem and passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION – Follow-up on Request from Two Scoops for a 15-Minute Parking Spot

Chair Pete Turok said that he has spoken to Sherri from Two Scoops about this request. Chief Peterson has not talked to the business owners in the area to survey them about this request, but he would recommend going forward with the request. Jackie Young asked if there have been complaints about it and said it would be a quick in and out. Gregory Bortnem said it would be good use of that spot for all of the local businesses. Gregory Bortnem made a motion to make it a 15-minute parking spot. Borgie Bonthuis seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote. Steve Jenson suggested placing a caution sign by the alleyway as kids do bike in and out of there.

DISCUSSION – Update on Anoka County Jail Proposal for Reconstruction

Chief Peterson said the county has made a proposal to expand the jail by moving it down to VanBuren. There will be a seven story parking ramp. The City Council has some concerns regarding zoning, taxes, and decreasing home values in the area. County employees do fill up our streets, but a lot are working from home since the Covid-19 pandemic so there have not been as many employees working at the Government Center. Chief Peterson said there is a council work session with Anoka County staff on February 28th to discuss the proposed expansion plans. Chair Turok said the Parking Advisory Board would like to be kept informed of this project.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

Chair Pete Turok went over the January and February 2022 parking stats. Chief Peterson said the stats are down due to only having one CSO. Chief Peterson then introduced our new CSO Dmitry Ivanov to the Board. CSO Ivanov started with the Anoka Police Department on March 7, 2022. He went over a little bit of his background. Members of the Parking Advisory Board welcomed him to the City of Anoka.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

A board photo was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Borgie Bonthuis and seconded by Roger Hoffhein. It was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully,

Julie Splettstoesser

Executive Assistant

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:15 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Room.