

PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Rice, David Sanasac (EDC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pete Turok called the meeting to order at 7:12 a.m.

Chair Pete Turok explained how the parking advisory board works to Chris Rice and David Sanasac. Board members then introduced themselves.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Chief Peterson then gave the Oath of Office to Chris Rice.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES

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

DISCUSSION – Parking by Anoka Middle School, Fred Moore Campus

Steve Jenson sent a picture of a vehicle parked at the intersection of Military Road and 4th Ave to Pete Turok. The picture showed how it decreased the width of the road. Steve Jenson said every time it snows it gets really tight in there when vehicles park there. Chief Peterson said the parking lot in front of Fred Moore has changed some with the new construction. It is unsure if it is staff of the school that parks on the street. He believes they have designated parking. He said there are a lot of vehicles parking on Brisbin and 5th Avenue as well. This parking issue is increased when there is snow. If we did no parking there we would want to do an assessment of the entire area first. Pete Turok suggested to table this item so board members can drive by this area since there is snow on the ground now, and we can discuss this at a future meeting as there is no rush on this. Chris Rice said maybe it is Renaissance School staff parking on Military Road. Chief Peterson will contact the school resource officer at Fred Moore and have him report back to him on the congestion and work with the principal on a solution and report back to him. He will update the parking advisory board at the next meeting. Steve Jenson made a motion to table this. Gregory Bortnem seconded the motion. No further discussion.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

Chief Peterson said the CSO's mainly monitor the hourly parking zones. Some of the zones listed include overnight parking tickets, which would normally be higher at this time of year, however, the reason some of the zones have zeros and/or ones, is because we are very short

staffed to do that job. We have recently added three CSO's, and will hopefully add two more part-time CSO's soon. They will be trained to enforce parking along with downtown patrol. This will get our parking enforcement stats up where they typically are. Chief Peterson's intent is to start with warnings, and then move to parking tickets after that. The focus of our efforts is to educate the public on parking enforcement. There was no further discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Chair Pete Turok said construction is going to start on Friday for the Highway 10 project with the Ferry Street bridge being taken down. We are in the last year of construction for Highway 10 in Anoka. The Ramsey Highway 10 construction project will begin in 2024 and go into 2025. All four lanes will be open the entire time in Ramsey.

Roger Hoffhein announced that he will be working for the City starting April 3, 2023 and he will have to step down as a member of the Parking Advisory Board. Chief Peterson said that the city has decided it is a conflict of interest to serve as a board member on any board if you are an employee of the city. Pete Turok thanked Roger for his time on the board.

Chief Peterson wanted to make the board aware that he heard there is a petition going around for going away with parking enforcement in the City.

Steve Jenson asked Chief Peterson if there was any follow-up on the Bridge Square residents parking in the Walker ramp before a snowfall. Chief Peterson said we spoke to the manager who said he agreed that they should not park in the ramp, but they do when they plow the lot. The manager said that he would work with his residents to avoid using the ramp overnight. Chair Pete Turok said he still notices some vehicles parking in there. Chief Peterson said we would reach out to the manager again.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregory Bortnem and seconded by Steve Jenson. It was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 a.m.

Respectfully,

Julie Splettstoesser
Executive Assistant

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:15 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Room.