

MISSOULA PARKING COMMISSION

Minutes March 7, 2013

A Board of Directors' meeting was held in the Jack Reidy Conference Room, 140 W. Pine at noon. Those in attendance were Board members Rod Austin, Theresa Cox, John Roemer, and John Smith. From the Parking Commission office was Anne Guest, Director and Mary Hanson, Administrative Services Manager. Also in attendance were Michael Tree of Mountain Lion; Alexandria Stockman of Missoula in Motion and Jim Dayton.

Call to Order – Rod Austin

Introductions and Welcome to those in attendance

Michael Tree said “good-bye” to Rod. His leadership will be missed. The new parking garage is awesome. Michael hopes to attend more meetings to help strategize with transportation for needs of the community. Rod said he attended Mountain Lion meetings regularly and the knowledge obtained really helps when decisions are required to be made regarding TDM. Growing commerce and bringing jobs downtown is the foundational piece to economic development. Alex also stated her thanks on behalf of Missoula in Motion.

Adjustment to the Agenda

Anne invited all to lunch she provided.

Discussion arose on all the new businesses opening downtown:

Z Pizza coming in next to OZ Architects; Plunk in the old Army Navy; Top Hat is re-opening March 15; Market on Front in Park Place; Peak opening in the Artcraft Building and has office space for lease; two donut shops are coming; Spectrum from University is moving downtown; a Brazilian Bistro; and Runners Edge is in a new location.

Approval of Minutes of the February Board meeting held 2-7-13

Teresa motioned approval of minutes and John Smith seconded the motion.

The Minutes of the Board meetings held on 2-7-13 were unanimously approved

Presentations

Action Items

New Board President

John Roemer nominated Teresa. Discussion ensued. Rod's position is now vacant. Anne contacted the Mayor's Office to inform them of the vacancy on the board. It is anticipated that they will advertise soon for this position. Rod shared as Chair the main duties include: attend meetings with Anne, moral support, and as needed to present and speak at meetings. Anne shared the next item on the Parking Commission's list is a challenge; new on street multi-space meters. The Parking Commission does not have to present to the council on this action but they may be asked to provide justification and defend it.

Non-action Items

New Business

Old Business

- **Park Place Parking Structure Update – Rod Austin & Ellen Buchanan**
Minor details of construction side being done.
- **Downtown Master Plan Update – Rod Austin**
Wayfinding public meeting March 20, 5:30 Doubletree. MPC is a big part of this. Matt Ellis & Anne have been sharing the program with numerous groups similar to the Downtown Master Plan. The annual update of Committee of the Whole went great. Elected officials need to look at this and consider increasing the downtown district.

- **Parking Commission Advisory Committee – Rod Austin**

Have not met. Anne shared that Bank Street Structure repairs and multi-space meters are slated up next. Approximately ten to fifteen individuals from public agency and various members such as business leaders, retailers, with each entity providing one representative is the recommendation for the Committee . Alex asked what do you want in the re-organization of TDM entity. Anne hopes the Parking Commission can continue the support they provide. Hopefully the Commission will be in a better financial situation next year. Alex asked if you will have the advisory group weigh in on this. Discussion ensued. The TDM study is on hold until the position of New Director of Development Services is hired.

Director's Report

Financial Statement

None

Next Meeting Date

April 4, 2013 in the Jack Reidy Conference Room at noon.

Other Business – None

Adjournment at 1:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hanson