

MINUTES

PUBLIC PARKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009 – 8 AM CARNEGIE BUILDING – LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Larry Rehfeld, Chairperson; Richard Murphy, Vice-Chairperson; Grant Houwman, Kathy Redinius, Danielle Merrow, and Rod Carlson.

Members Absent: Jeff Danz, unexcused.

Others Present: Lt. Jerome Miller, Police Department; Duane Hatch, Accounting Department; and Randy Bartunek, Matt Nelson, Dwight McElhaney, and Suzanne Schroeder, Public Parking staff.

1) CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL.

Chairperson Larry Rehfeld called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2009.

Upon motion by Rod Carlson, seconded by Kathy Redinius, the Board approved the minutes of the March 3, 2009, meeting as mailed. Carried unanimously.

3) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Police Report** – Lt. Miller reported the downtown area has been very quiet, though this could be due to the fact two blocks of Phillips Avenue have been shut down for construction.
- b) **Financial Report** – Duane Hatch pointed out the Board \$800,000 has been programmed under Current Assets – Cash for Structural Maintenance. He also pointed out February 2009 Operating Revenue is down compared to 2008, probably because of Midland Insurance closing their parking leases. Discussion was held on the need for funds in Structural Maintenance because of the need to maintain parking ramps. Larry Rehfeld asked Duane Hatch to do a comparison of what dollars might be saved by paying off outstanding bond debt early.

Randy Bartunek reported to the Board that Public Parking will not receive any economic stimulus money.

- c) **Leased Parking Report** – Randy Bartunek reported the overall leased parking rate is 82 percent which is down because of Midland Insurance relocating out of the downtown area.
- d) **Phillips Avenue Reconstruction Parking Pass Update** – Randy Bartunek reported at the end of last week, 401 passes were issued and given to the attendants for free parking in the First Avenue Ramp. Thirty-eight businesses used them.

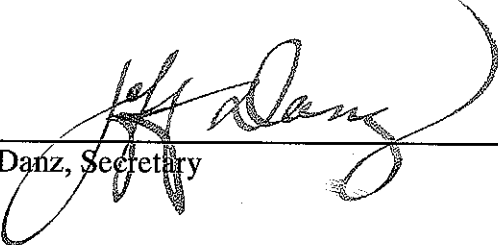
- e) **Condition Report**
- i) **8th & Dakota Ramp** – Randy Bartunek told the Board the Walker Condition Study found the 8th & Dakota Ramp was generally in good repair and would need regular maintenance work which will total approximately \$97,000.
 - ii) **River Ramp** – Randy Bartunek said the Walker Parking Condition Study concluded bringing this ramp up to full serviceability would require approximately \$700,000 to \$750,000. To get another winter's usage out of it would require \$50,000 to \$60,000 to do emergency repairs and fill the holes in the decking.
 - iii) **Skywalks** – Randy Bartunek said Walker Parking found the skyways to generally be in good shape but needing some roofing repairs which they estimate will cost \$20,000. Upon motion by Kathy Redinius, seconded by Dick Murphy, the Board voted to ask Public Parking staff to begin the process to implement the repairs and maintenance work recommended by the Walker Parking Report be done to the River Ramp for one more year's service, the two skyways, and 8th and Dakota Ramp. Carried unanimously.

4) **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) **Downtown Sioux Falls Parking Ramp Signage Recommendations** – Chairperson Larry Rehfeld distributed to the Board a report on recommended signage changes for the 1st Avenue Parking Ramp. The study was commissioned by Downtown Sioux Falls and was done by Henkin Schultz Communication Arts. The Board reviewed the report. Grant Houwman made a motion, seconded by Danielle Merrow, that the recommended signage changes be implemented by the Public Parking Department. Carried unanimously.
- b) **Pay-and-Display System** – Chairperson Larry Rehfeld distributed information on the Parkeon Brand of Pay-and-Display Systems to replace single meter parking. Discussion was held on whether such a system would be advantageous to install on Phillips Avenue. After discussion, it was decided by the Board it would be better to investigate modifying the present single-space meters to accept credit cards or use a tap-and-go system.

5) **ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Grant Houwman, the meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.



Jeff Danz, Secretary