

## Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Notes - 4/20/2016

1. Call to Order - 7:03pm
2. Roll Call - All commissioners present (Dan Higgins attending for the DDA)
3. Approval of agenda - moved & supported
4. Approval Minutes from 2/24/16, 3/16/16 - Moved and approved
5. Public Comment - None
6. Public Safety Update - Ted (for Frank) - violations issued last month - 19- 12 in North lot, 7 in South. Officers to cover enforcement during days off to manage the problem offenders. Bakers Studio customers receiving tickets in N lot.
7. Timed Parking in Handicap locations - discussion on concept to allow HCP employees to park in spaces all day (i.e. H&R Block manager). Not much support here for this request, MI State law allows for timed HCP. Further discussion on the number of HCP spaces we have in the downtown, Kevin Christenson provided the ordinance indicating that we have an appropriate number of HCP

spaces per public spaces however perception is that they are poorly located. This will be an element that Walker can include in their scope of work in September.

8. Improving Walkability - Crosswalk discussion - recommendation by City Manager/Public Safety to install - Carmanah  
[www.carmanah.com/traffic/crosswalks](http://www.carmanah.com/traffic/crosswalks).

Agreement on the solution - move to City Council for approval and funding. Install at 2 locations (Farmington Road) (Grand River/Starbucks). Signage discussion - request an update from Sue/Grissom/Metz on the status of signage ordered and to be installed (way finding, untimed parking lots etc.). Request to have DPW review the existing lights in the Untimed parking lots to see if the lights can be increased for safety?

9. Birmingham/Rochester Site visit - still TBD - David Murphy & Greg Cowley are meeting in Northville to discuss the parking model with the City Manager  
5/16/16.

10. Walker to be scheduled in September - after Fresh Thyme and during the Farmers Market Season - Annette Knowles to arrange.

11. Salem Church - convert private to public - PROGRESS - agreement in the works to provide additional spaces to the mix. More from Liz next meeting.

12. Parking Lot Names - discussion of recommendations using the historical slant for identification. Committee discussion appreciates the effort BUT believes that we should offer better descriptors for these lots to better identify them to guests. Table and discuss further.

13. Committee Comment:

- Joe - appreciates Rachel's efforts on the historic slant but seeks more user friendly names for easy identification.

- Mike - Los Tres Amigos employees are starting to park in the Maxfield lot, he sees marked improvement in the N lot availability.

- Greg - (despite a mild spring) - I continue to be disappointed by many downtown businesses who allow employees to park in customer parking and move their

cars every 3 hours. It's NOT a communication problem, parking access to untimed spaces is less than 150 steps away and has been clearly communicated. This defeats the Customer is first concept and just moves the Parking Advisory Committee to consider engaging meters to solve the problem. (Walker to add to scope, identify employee cars prior to study ?)

Submitted 5/16/2016 - Greg Cowley