

Duluth Parking Commission  
Seventy-Second Meeting  
7:30 a.m. Friday, June 7, 2019  
City Council Chambers, Duluth City Hall

**Members Present**

- Andy Goldfine, President
- Dennis Jensen
- Noland Makowsky
- Jessica Sterle, Vice President
- Karin Swor
- Mark Bauer, Ex Officio

**Members Absent**

- Kris Liljeblad
- Em Westerlund

**Guests Present**

- Carl Crawford, Human Rights Officer – City of Duluth
- Doug Melander, Duluth Operations Manager – Interstate Parking Company

**Approval of May 2019 meeting minutes**

Commissioner Dennis Jensen motioned that the May 2019 parking commission meeting minutes be approved as presented. Commissioner Karin Swor seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

**On-street ADA parking zone requests**

City of Duluth Parking Services Manager Mark Bauer presented one accessible parking signage request for approval. He stated that he had consulted with the applicant and the City of Duluth Commission on Disabilities and had performed a site visit to the property. Mr. Bauer recommended approval of the application. Commissioner Noland Makowsky motioned that the application, for 21155 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, be approved. Commissioner Swor seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

**Proposal to prohibit parking at the terminus of Spirit Cove**

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to prohibit parking at the terminus of Spirit Cove. He stated that the request had been generated by the City of Duluth Streets Division, who had indicated their crews had experienced difficulty in navigating the turnaround in the area due to vehicles parking in the roadway. Commissioner Jensen motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Swor seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

**Proposal to implement two temporary shuttle pick-up zones near Essentia**

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to convert a total of seven single-space parking meter stalls near the Essentia campus to two separate shuttle pick-up zones. Mr. Bauer stated that the two zones – one located on the 400 block of East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the other on the 400 block of East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – would serve as pick-up and drop-off zones during the upcoming Essentia redevelopment project and be used by both employees and patients. Commissioner Jensen stated that the areas would be used primarily by small buses. Commissioner Jensen motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Vice President Jessica Sterle seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

### **Update on City of Duluth Canal Park-area parking study**

Mr. Bauer stated that a third party had recently conducted a study on Canal Park-area traffic and parking at the City of Duluth's request. He stated that several small groups of larger committee participants were working toward a set of final recommendations on improvements that could be made to traffic and parking in the area and that he would keep the parking commission informed and involved in the process. Commissioner Jensen suggested the possibility of locating parking outside the Canal Park area and shuttling people into Canal Park, perhaps including interesting items along the shuttle route, making it an attraction in itself.

### **Off-street parking update**

Interstate Parking Company Duluth Operations Manager Doug Melander provided an update on off-street parking operations. He stated that Canal Park had entered its fee enforcement season and that all was going well. Commissioner Goldfine stated that the signage Interstate had placed along 1<sup>st</sup> Street to aid parkers in locating the parking ramps during Superior Street reconstruction was excellent. Mr. Melander stated that at first there were some traffic congestion problems associated with the daily ramp egress periods at the end of the afternoons due to construction but that the issues had largely subsided as drivers became accustomed to the new routes.

### **On-street parking update**

Mr. Bauer provided an update on on-street parking operations. He stated that he had recently presented a resolution to the City Council to lower the parking commission quorum from five to four and that the resolution had been approved by the Council. He added that new T2 Systems Luke II pay stations would soon be ordered for the phase two section of the Superior Street reconstruction, which will be installed on the street in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bauer  
Parking Services Manager