

Duluth Parking Commission
Fiftieth Meeting
7:30 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2017
City Council Chambers, Duluth City Hall

Members Present

- Howie Hanson, Vice President
- Steve LaFlamme
- Andy McDonald, President
- Jessica Sterle

Members Absent

- Andy Goldfine
- Karin Swor

Guests Present

- Mark Bauer, Parking Operations Specialist – City of Duluth
- John Clark, Duluth Operations Manager – Interstate Parking Company
- Matthew Kennedy, resident – City of Duluth
- Laura Marquardt, Deputy Chief of Police – Duluth Police Department

Lincoln Park on-street meters study update

City of Duluth Parking Operations Specialist Mark Bauer provided an update on a study of parking stall usage and stakeholder feedback in Lincoln Park based on a request from the Lincoln Park Business Group to consider recommending the removal of parking meters in the area. He stated that a stakeholder survey had been performed and that only seven of the approximately 35 surveys mailed had been returned. Mr. Bauer stated that of those seven responses, three favored removal of the parking meters and four preferred to retain them. He added that the parking division did not recommend removal of the parking meters at this time. Commission Vice President Howie Hanson stated that he also opposed removal of the meters. Commissioner Steve LaFlamme stated that the majority opinion of the stakeholders was an important consideration in the matter.

East High School residential permit parking zone review update

Mr. Bauer provided an update on a study of the Duluth East High School residential permit parking zone for potential adjustments to its boundaries. He stated that results of a stakeholder survey were in the process of being compiled and that an update would be provided in the February parking commission meeting. Mr. Bauer stated that it initially appeared that support for the zone was weaker on the north and northeast portions of the zone and stronger in the southern and western areas. He stated that a future community forum, possibly at Duluth East High School, would be included in the study process, as well as a public hearing and a city council resolution, should changes be recommended by the parking division and parking commission.

Off-street parking update

Interstate Parking Company Duluth Operations Manager John Clark provided an update on off-street parking operations in downtown Duluth. He stated that the installation of a solar panel array and electric vehicle charging stations was underway at Lake Place Lot. Mr. Clark stated that a recent attempt to repair an expansion joint at the 410 West Public Ramp was not successful and that another attempt would soon be made. He stated that he was working with SKIDATA, the equipment provider for the four main downtown parking facilities, toward the goal of offering multi-ramp validation tickets. Commissioner LaFlamme inquired whether the 410 West Public Ramp had reached capacity for monthly contracts. Mr. Clark stated that demand was strong but that the current number of contracts was slightly below capacity. Commissioner Hanson inquired into the administration of the leasing agreements for a portion of the reserved monthly stalls at the 410 West Public Ramp. Mr. Clark stated that the spaces to which Commissioner Hanson was referring were controlled and leased by Maurices, per the terms of their agreement with the City.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bauer
Parking Operations Specialist