

Duluth Parking Commission  
Seventy-Sixth Meeting  
7:30 a.m. Friday, November 1, 2019  
City Council Chambers, Duluth City Hall

**Members Present**

- Andy Goldfine, President
- Noland Makowsky
- Jessica Sterle, Vice President
- Em Westerlund
- Mark Bauer, Ex Officio

**Members Absent**

- Dennis Jensen
- Karin Swor

**Guests Present**

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

**Approval of October 2019 meeting minutes**

Commissioner Em Westerlund motioned that the October 2019 parking commission meeting minutes be approved as presented. Commission Vice President Jessica Sterle seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

**Public input on alternate side parking configuration on the 700 North block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West**

Mr. Bauer introduced a public proposal to convert 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West to west-side-only parking on the 700 North block. Area resident Stephanie Lemonowsky stated that she would like the block to be converted from its existing alternate side parking configuration because of a water flow issue from the alley above 7<sup>th</sup> Street that creates an ice patch on the west side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in the winter, which she stated is a safety hazard. City of Duluth Parking Manager Mark Bauer stated that he had consulted with the City's Streets Maintenance Division, and they opposed the proposed change, indicating that the avenue would actually become less safe due to inadequate snow clearing and maintenance should vehicles remain parked on only one side. Mr. Bauer also stated that he had visited the site and offered several alternative parking options to Ms. Lemonowsky, including parking on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and off-street parking options on her properties. Commissioner Sterle suggested that Ms. Lemonowsky continue to work with the Streets Maintenance staff to address the cause of the ice flow issue. The proposal was tabled until the December parking commission meeting to allow time for those conversations to occur.

**On-street ADA parking zone requests**

Mr. Bauer presented nine on-street ADA parking zone requests for approval. He stated that he had visited all of the sites and would soon be consulting the City of Duluth Commission on Disabilities, and that he recommended all for approval. Commissioner Noland Makowsky motioned that the request for 713 West Skyline Parkway be approved. Commissioner Sterle seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Commissioner Westerlund motioned that the request for 3918 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street be approved. Commissioner Makowsky seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Commissioner Westerlund motioned that the request for 212 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street be approved. Commissioner Sterle seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Commissioner Makowsky motioned that the request for 514 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street be approved. Commission President Andy Goldfine seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Goldfine motioned that the request for 414 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street be approved. Commissioner Westerlund seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Commissioner Makowsky motioned that the request for 915 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street be approved. Commissioner Sterle seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Commissioner Sterle motioned that the request for 4324 Luverne Street be approved. Commissioner Makowsky seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Commissioner Sterle motioned that the request for 301 North 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West be approved. Commissioner Makowsky seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0. Commissioner Goldfine motioned that the request for 2323 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street be approved. Commissioner Westerlund seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

### **Proposal to create a two-hour time limit stall at 720 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to create a two-hour time limit parking stall at 720 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to The Red Door. He stated that the business owner had generated the request, who indicated that customers were experiencing difficulty in finding available parking due to longer-term parking stays. Commissioner Westerlund motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Goldfine seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

### **Proposal to convert a ten-minute drop-off zone to a five-minute drop-off zone on the 200 East block of Superior Street and to add one stall to the zone**

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to convert a ten-minute drop-off zone to a five-minute drop-off zone and to expand the zone from two stalls to three. He stated that the Norshor Theater had requested the change primarily due to the fact that the ADA stall that had been previously located adjacent to the theater had been relocated to the east following Superior Street reconstruction. Commissioner Goldfine motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Makowsky seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

### **Proposal to create a five-minute drop-off zone on the 5600 block of Grand Avenue**

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to create a one-stall five-minute drop-off zone at 5615 Grand Avenue, adjacent to Hamlin Music. He stated that he had spoken to the business and that they had requested the zone to facilitate quick drop-offs and loading of musical instruments, primarily for customers attending music lessons. Commissioner Makowsky motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Westerlund seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

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

Interstate Parking Company Duluth Operations Manager Doug Melander provided an update on off-street parking operations. He stated that structural repairs for the Library/Depot Upper Lot would occur in late 2019 and early 2020 and that Canal Park had been successfully transitioned into its fee enforcement offseason. Mr. Melander stated that the US Bank Ramp, a private facility that Interstate manages for US Bank, would soon be closing due to structural concerns, and he thanked the commission for their recent approval to add 40 contract parking stalls at Lot C to help mitigate the stall loss.

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

Mr. Bauer provided an update on on-street parking operations. He stated that new parking pay stations for the soon-to-open phase two section of the Superior Street redevelopment were in-stock and being programmed. He added that a new bicycle lane would soon be routed through the core business area of Lincoln Park, on Superior Street, as a result of the upcoming Twin Ports Interchange redevelopment that could affect the existing parking configuration. He stated that he would keep the commission informed as the item progressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bauer  
Parking Services Manager