



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Parking Commission Meeting
January 20, 2016
Courthouse Conference Room #103
3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Rob Dwyer, Buddy Fisher, Tim Dick and Bart Riley

Members Not Present

Jennifer Shea

Staff Present

Karen Byrnes and Butch Harrington

Others Present

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 by Rob Dwyer

2. Approval of Minutes

Buddy Fisher made a motion to approve to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes. Bart Riley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial Review- Karen Byrnes talked about financials to the commission, explaining that tickets are up now that we have a full staff. Karen also talked about collection efforts regarding those individuals that owe \$50.00 or more, and that goal of the department is to write 600-700 tickets each month. Rob Dwyer asked about possibly looking in to raising fines.

3. Public Comment

Tim Dick said that Carl Woolverton, of Harrington Surgical, complained about people parking in the 15 min space in front of the business not getting patrolled. Tim was told that Woolverton should call Parking when this is occurring. Rob Dwyer asked about people with lot passes parking on the street with the heavy snow in the lots. Butch said we will allow street parking for that purpose as long as the permit holder is parking in the area of the lot. Mike Rudolph also had a complaint regarding the NWE employees parking all day. That complaint is also being addressed.

4. 15 Minute Spot Discussion-

Karen Byrnes spoke with the Commission regarding a parking issue near the dance studio on the 100 block of S Main Street. Karen explained that an unintended consequence with the 2 hr zone not going down that far, there appear to be a lot of vehicles that are parking in front of those business' all day. Michelle Anderson requested a 15 minute sign be placed in front of her business so that children can be dropped off and picked up. Karen requested a motion be made to place a 15 minute sign in front of one or more of the businesses. Tim Dick made the motion and was seconded by Ron Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Residential Handicap Parking Spot –Update

Karen Byrnes and Butch Harrington both talked about the ongoing efforts to document all of the residential handicap parking spots in Butte Silver Bow. Butch mailed out letters to all of the homes we are aware of at this time. A have received a majority of the responses returned. In the next weeks we will be knocking on doors at those places that have not returned a response to determine if the signs are still needed at those residences. Frank Fleming also has a list and he and Butch will compare notes.

6. Uptown Parking garage-Update

Karen Byrnes spoke about the status of the parking garage. Karen told the commission that the consultants would be in Butte in February with more design info. There will also be additional public meeting and feedback sought. Rob Dwyer asked about possible including a small office space. Karen told the commission that she was still working with several banks regarding the financing. Karen told the commission that groundbreaking could happen in May of this year. Karen also told the commission that Evan Barrett had sent a memo to various community leaders about the adding a convention center on the top floor of the new garage. Karen was going to provide the memo to the commission members.

7. Other

None

8. Adjourn

3:51 pm

