



**PARKWISE COMMISSION
MEETING**
110 East Pennington Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701
December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes



1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Dale Calvert
Joanne Downey
Peter Gavin
David Heineking
Peter Hormel
Michael Keith
Jane McCollum
Robert Medler
Jane Roxbury
Mik White

Members Absent

Jill Brammer
Barbara Brookhart
Nicole Flowers
Steve Taylor
Rick Stertz
Adam Weinstein

Staff Present

Donovan Durband, Park Tucson, Administrator
Martha Encinas, Park Tucson, Administrative Assistant
Omar Garcia, Park Tucson, Management Assistant
Karen Miller, Consultant, Downtown Tucson Partnership

Others Present

Diana Amado, Ward 6 Council Office
Norma Davenport, The Rogue Theatre
Richard Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association
Becky Pollack, Arizona Daily Star

3. Call to the Audience

Richard Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association, read a letter from former RHNA President, Mark Homan, regarding Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association regarding past promises that Homan feels have not been honored by ParkWise/Park Tucson. The letter is attached to these minutes.

4. Minutes from October 20, 2015 Commission Meeting

Michael Keith moved the approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2015, Commission Meeting. Jane Roxbury seconded. The motion was approved, 9-0.

5. Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment Presentation

Peach Properties was awarded the opportunity to redevelop the Ronstadt Transit Center by the Mayor and Council on November 11, 2015. Phil Swaim of Swaim Associates presented to the Park Wise Commission the design plan for the Ronstadt Transit Center. Many sets of options were studied including what other transit centers from other cities have been transforming to. The Ronstadt Transit Center will be a multi-level transit center. The first level will be commercial and the second level will be housing. Possibilities include a bike rental, bike share, and bike shop and perhaps even a car share and a space for a car rental along with retail shops on the first floor. The plan includes a parking garage on Toole and the possibility of building two pedestrian bridges: one over the railroad tracks to connect with the Corbett block, and one over 6th Avenue to the Pennington Garage to utilize parking. There will be two major plazas: a low-key plaza that supports the residential community and the South Plaza which would be more urban with a fountain and a bandstand, and a lot more activity. The plan also includes a public market on both sides of the transit mall.

No Action.

6. Chair's Report

Peter Gavin thanked all PWC members for their attendance, efforts, hard work, and accomplishments throughout 2015.

No Action.

7. Administrator's Report

Park Tucson went live with new enforcement system on Monday, December 14, and Park Tucson is now able to write tickets with the new handhelds and is using the new software system to collect funds. Photos are uploaded at the time a citation is issued. In addition Park Tucson is now authorized to look up vehicle owner registration information from Motor Vehicle Division records which allow Park Tucson to send out the required 7-day notice letter. Mayor and Council gave Park Tucson the authorization to do collections on Tuesday, December 8, and part of that Council action was the final changes to the fine structure. The meter expiration tickets are now \$42 instead of \$64. Case processing fee is no longer being charged within the thirty (30) day time period. Paying on time saves the violator \$106.60 and this message is on the back of the ticket. On-line system to make payments will take another month or two via the City's new i-Cashiering system. App payments will be enabled later through Passport and the Go Tucson app. The expectation is that the General Fund will bill Park Tucson \$10 for every ticket payment received to offset the loss of the General Fund's share of the Case Processing Fee.

City of Tucson Transportation has hired a company named Ameresco to conduct a very detailed audit of the street lights and garage lighting with the intention to converting to LED lighting. They will be making a presentation to Mayor and Council in the next few months with their findings (cost estimates, savings, etc.). This would provide a better quality of light, and with a system of sensors and dimmers

will give Park Tucson more control to save money while ensuring lights are on when and where they are needed.

No Action.

8. Financial Report: November 30, 2015 Financial Statements

The Total Fund Balance is \$1,668,550.46. Total Operating Revenue is \$2,198,327.39, year-to-date. Total Operating Expenses are \$1,345,412.16, year-to-date.

No Action.

9. Update on Residential Parking Permit Program Task Force

The eighth and final scheduled RPPP Task Force meeting has been completed and another meeting agreed by the members will be scheduled to wrap everything up. We are currently taking the feedback received from the Task Force members and are in the process of developing a recommendation report that will be presented to the PWC at a later date.

No Action.

10. Update on Neighborhood Reinvestment Program

Questions by the Rincon Heights Association have put this project on hold for the moment. However, Jesse Soto, Project Manager, for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program feels that whatever projects are selected by March should give contractors enough time to complete by June. Staff is working with Mr. Cole and Mr. de Leon to review prior commitments and the history, philosophy, and policies the Commission has adopted in the past, regarding the reinvestment issue.

No Action.

11. Future Agenda Items

No Action.

12. Adjournment – **9:09 a.m.**