



**PARKWISE COMMISSION
MEETING**
110 East Pennington Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701
April 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes



1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Jill Brammer
Barbara Brookhart
Joanne Downey
Nicole Flowers
Peter Gavin
Peter Hormel
Jane McCollum
Robert Medler
Jane Roxbury
Rick Stertz
Steve Taylor
Adam Weinstein
Mik White

Members Absent

Michael Keith
David Heineking

Staff Present

Donovan Durband, Park Tucson, Administrator
Martha Encinas, Park Tucson, Administrative Assistant
Omar Garcia, Park Tucson, Management Assistant
Jose Gomez, Park Tucson, Parking Services Supervisor
Karen Miller, Park Tucson, Parking Consultant

Others Present

Thomas Aguilera, Attorney for Batch Café & Bar
Diana Amado, Ward 6 Council Office
Elaine Becherer, Project Manager, City Manager's Office, COT
Camila Bekat, Economic Development Specialist, COT
Dale Calvert, Citizen/Former ParkWise Commission Member
Norma Davenport, The Rogue Theatre

Richard Mayers, West University Neighborhood Association
Kade Mislinski, Batch Café & Bar
Amy Pike, A Perfect Pantry
Others Present (continued)
Margo Susco, Hydra
Ward Wallingford, The Rogue Theatre

3. Call to the Audience

Richard Mayers expressed WUNA concerns regarding vehicles being allowed to park on the sidewalk areas and asked that the parking code that allows this practice be revised.

Margo Susco of Hydra stated that she was attending at the invitation of John Cahill of the COT, and that she was interested in the issue of the TRE on Congress Street and the loss of street parking.

No Action.

4. Minutes from March 15, 2016 Commission Meeting

Rick Stertz moved the approval of the minutes of the March 15, 2016, Commission Meeting. Robert Medler seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 12-0.

5. Chair's Report

No Action.

6. Financial Report: March 31, 2016 Financial Statements

Omar Garcia reported on Park Tucson's financial statements through the ninth month of the fiscal year. Total Fund Balance - \$1,609,606.48; Total Operating Revenue FY16: \$3,992,460.56; Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) (\$1,520,613.42); Total Net Assets as of March 31 \$1,590,328.04; Net Income (Loss) Budget versus Actual – (\$105,457.54). Park Tucson has now paid for all of the new PARCS equipment and the new enforcement system, and expects no significant additional expenditures for the remainder of FY2016.

No Action.

7. Update on Unplugged TRE Pilot Project

Camila Bekat, an Economic Development Specialist for the City of Tucson, presented on the Temporary Revocable Easement (TRE) Project that was initiated last year at the Unplugged Wine Bar on Congress. Park Tucson had agreed to a six-month pilot project, which expired at the end of 2015. Batch Café & Bar now occupies the Unplugged space and is using the street dining area in front. Camila discussed the benefits to the business in generating additional sales. She also discussed the findings of a San Francisco study which documented increased foot traffic in areas with parklets.

Mr. Gavin called on Ms. Susco from the audience, who expressed her concern and that of other merchants that TRE's replacing street parking hurt neighboring businesses that depend on the perception and availability of parking. Ms. Bekat stated that the City of Tucson's policy regarding TREs is currently in a draft format, awaiting more feedback from Park Tucson. Thomas Aguilera, attorney for Batch, stated that the TRE in effect does not mention the six-month pilot timeframe, and that the TRE is good for a full year.

Rick Stertz moved to establish a Subcommittee to work with stakeholders to develop a master plan for street parking in the business districts, incorporating policy on parking space TRE's,

parklets, and other alternate permanent or temporary uses for street parking that may be proposed. Jane McCollum seconded the motion. The motion was approved 13-0.

PWC Members volunteering to be a part of this Business District Street Parking Subcommittee are as follows:

**Rick Stertz
Adam Weinstein
Barbara Brookhart
Jill Brammer
Nicole Flowers
Peter Hormel
Jane McCollum**

8. Scott Avenue Streetscape Project

Elaine Becherer, Project Manager, City of Tucson, presented preliminary plans for enhancements to Scott Avenue between Congress Street and Pennington. The project is funded by \$750,000 from Rio Nuevo, per the terms of the settlement between Rio Nuevo and the City of Tucson. Sidewalks would be widened and improved; street lighting would be enhanced. She presented two options for traffic flow: a one-way (going north to the garage entrance) and two-way option. Both concepts have been approved by Tucson Fire. Ms. Becherer will return to the ParkWise Commission at the May 10th meeting with more information.

No Action.

9. Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Subcommittee Report

Item not addressed due to time constraints.

No Action.

10. Neighborhood Parking Permit Program Report

Item not addressed due to time constraints.

No Action.

11. Special Event Reserved Parking Fee Subcommittee Report

Jane McCollum reported on behalf of the subcommittee. The subcommittee has reviewed the special event fees currently being charged and is considering fee structure revisions. The fee structure recommendations include a cost-recovery fee for labor and materials for hooding and signs, an “impact” fee for removing parking on non-meter enforcement days, and a fee to be determined for spaces removed on days when the meters are enforced. The revised fee structure should include implementation standards assuring minimal impact on neighboring businesses from reserving spaces for special events.

Jill Brammer moved that the concept plan for a revised fee structure for Reserved Street Parking for Special Events recommendations submitted be approved. Jane Roxbury seconded the motion. The motion was approved 10-0.

12. Future Agenda Items

No Action.

13. Adjournment – **9:27 a.m.**