

PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, June 19, 2003
City Hall – Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Parking Committee meeting was called to order by Alex Hanson at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Alex Hanson, Asst. Mayor
John Burke, Parking & Transportation Director
Dave Allen, Deputy Public Works Director
Judie Belanger, Deputy Finance Director
Police Lt. Fred Hoysradt

II. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

Motion made by Dave Allen to accept the May 19, 2003 minutes of the Parking Committee. Seconded by John Burke. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) **Downtown Parking Validation Program** — Update – John Burke informed the committee that the validation program is in place and 17 businesses have signed up so far. All of the program information is now on the City’s Website. Alex Hanson asked for a report back at the end of 3 months.
- (B) **Market Street Taxi Stand Pilot Project** – Update – Alex Hanson stated that the Taxi commission wants to extend the pilot project until Labor Day. Matt Giovoni of Breaking New Grounds voiced concern that the pilot has been in place for over six months and now they want even more time when taxis are not using the spaces. Alex Hanson asked John Burke to review the taxi stand utilization again and bring it back to the July meeting for action.
- (C) **4-Hour Parking Proposal – Bridge and Wright Ave. Lots** – John Burke stated that this was a referral from last meeting. It is a request to continue the expansion of 4-hour parking in the downtown to include these two lots. He noted that it would provide medium- to long-term parking on all four corners of the downtown – Parrott Ave. Lot, Bridge St. Lot, HHPF and Wright Ave. Lot. He noted that the businesses would be surveyed and staff would review parking turnover in the lots before reporting back to the Committee.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) **Request to Resume Public Use of Federal Building Parking Lot –**
Letter from GSA attached.

- (B) **Vehicle Sense – New Meter Technology – Vendor Presentation -** John Burke introduced Michael Logue and Kareem Howard from VehicleSense, a new parking meter technology company. The Company is recruiting municipalities interested in participating in a new product application. The City of Cambridge is already using the product in a demonstration. The product essentially allows city's to have real-time information on meter use. Vehicle sensors provide wireless communication to the Parking Department on when an individual parking space is entered and exited. Turnover data is provided back to the Parking Manager, which helps in defining proper time limit zones. Meters can also be zeroed out when people leave a stall. The sensors also can let you know if people are parked in front of a hydrant or in a disabled parking stall. The pilot requires at least 20 meters to be retrofitted for the program. There is a 4 to 6 month payback period – if the zeroing out feature is used. The device that is installed in the ground has a 10 year lifespan.

UNH is also considering using this program. Alex Hanson recommended that John Burke evaluate the proposal and come back to the next meeting with a recommendation.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine E. Boucas, Secretary