



HILLCREST PARKING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Hillcrest Business Association
3737 Fifth Avenue #202
San Diego, CA 92103

Board attendees: Roy Dahl, Tim Gahagan, Chris Shaw, Megan Gamwell, Jared Svendsen

Staff: Ben Verdugo

Others in attendance: Ben Nicholls, Dennis Palaszewski, Jacques Chirazi, Joe Jimenez

1. Establishment of Quorum, Call to Order, and Introductions

- R. Dahl called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. A quorum was established and the group introduced themselves.

2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- B. Nicholls showed the committee a magazine advertisement that the Gaslamp Quarter is currently promoting regarding parking garage pricing and he is going to request that the committee approve additional funding for marketing and PR for Park Hillcrest at the next meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** “To approve the Februray HPC Minutes”. (C. Shaw, R. Dahl) Motion passes unanimously

4. Two-Hour Time Limited Parking Zones (Action Item)

- Eighth Avenue discussion of a two-hour parking zone was tabled until March’s meeting. 3900 Normal Street currently has 2-hour time limited parking on the south end of the block fronting 7-11 and Salon Antoine; the rest of the block and the entire west side of the street is unlimited parking. Dennis Palaszewski, resident of the condos on the southeast corner of Normal and Harvey Milk is requesting on behalf of his HOA that all spaces on the east side of Normal to be converted to 2-hour zones. The reason for the request is because employees of nearby businesses are parking on Normal Street all day long which limits parking for residents.
- B. Nicholls said that it would be a good idea to remove the meter at the median and J. Svendsen suggested extending the time of the median but to leave the pricing at \$0.50/hour to see if that will improve utilization.
- **Motion:** “To approve changing the 3900 block to 2-hour parking on both the east and west sides of the street and to extend parking on Normal Street median for up to eight hours. The approval will also include an allocation of up to \$500 for appropriate signage displaying the hours and pricing of parking at the median”. (M. Gamwell, J. Svendsen) Motion passes unanimously

5. City of San Diego Electric Car Charging Station (Action Item)

- Jacques Chirazi with the City of San Diego presented an updated plan for the charging stations on the east side of 3900 Normal Street. Two charging stations are proposed, one at the south end of the block, in an existing ADA space. The ADA charging station would be available to both electric vehicles and non-electric vehicles which both would have ADA placards. The other charging station would be located at the north end of the block utilizing two spaces, in front of the condos.
- R. Dahl said that action would be taken only by the HPC and will not be forwarded to the UCPD board.
- T. Gahagan asked what current usage is at other stations in San Diego. J. Chirazi said that over half of the existing charging stations in San Diego are used at least 8 hours per day. Most of the stations are charging between 2-4 hours per car.
- B. Nicholls asked if the charging stations could be installed on Harvey Milk Street so that non-EV cars parking on Normal Street will not be impacted. J. Chirazi said that this would affect residents on both sides of Harvey Milk and would not be as visible.
- T. Gahagan said that he would feel comfortable with one space on the north end of Normal Street but not two dedicated to the EV station.
- R. Dahl suggested installing the north EV station, but making only spot exclusively for an electric vehicle. The other spot would be a shared use for both EV and non-EV cars. J. Chirazi said that they could possibly make the scenario work, but would need more clarification from the City Attorney.
- **Motion:** “To approve the installation of two EV charging stations on the 3900 block of Normal Street on the east side. One charging station would be installed at an existing ADA space on the south end of the block which will be open to both EV and non EV vehicles with ADA placards. The other charging station would be located on the north side of the block which will have one EV only space and the adjacent space would be open to both EV and non-EV vehicles.” (T. Gahagan, C. Shaw) Motion passes unanimously

6. FY16 Action Plan & Budget Public Input Session (Information Item)

- B. Verdugo presented the action plan with amounts suggested by staff for review. All The categories and line items were evaluated and the following were changes were suggested to staff:
 - Increase Parking Supply
 - B. Nicholls suggested that a line item be added under *increase parking supply* to add parking on Normal Street, north of Harvey Milk. The line item should be *reconfiguring existing parking*. He suggested taking money out of *off-street parking availability* and into this line item. Roy suggested making this line item #5 under the budget item *Increase Parking Supply*.
 - Validation Program – the group would like to see substantially less money allocated for FY16 than suggested.
 - Valet Program(s) – keep the same as suggested.
 - Managing parking Demand & Enhancing Utilization
 - Residential Permit Programs – lower substantially
 - Promote Alternate Transportation
 - Streetcar Feasibility – Do not allocate any money into this line item

- Pedestrian Improvements – increase allocation substantially
- Smart Car Infrastructure – lower substantially
- Enhance Parking Improvements
 - Extraordinary Maintenance – increase allocation
 - Curb Painting and Repair – increase allocation
- Enhance Parking Improvements
 - Transit Stops and Routes – do not allocate any money
- Operations
 - Communications – increase allocation substantially
 - Personnel – increase allocation for intern

Adjournment – 6:25 p.m.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:

Hillcrest Parking Committee's next meeting is Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Business Association office.

Transcribed and drafted by Ben Verdugo