

Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Notes: October 26, 2010

Members Present: Bill Austin, Dale Rudolph, Linda Berry-Maraist, Angela Bennink, Tony DeCarlo, Tammy Mattson, Jeff Bauman (Chair)

Members Absent: Judy Eagleson, Julie Krucek, Sally Kvam, Craig Hammond, Rick Cadwell

Others Present: Becky Erickson, Janetmarie Valiga, Jennifer Morris

This was the final meeting of the Parking Advisory Committee. The entire meeting was devoted to finalizing the Committee's draft report which had been previously circulated for comment. A few modifications were made - - not to change the direction of the report but rather to clarify intent and emphasis.

Mayor Erickson noted that implementation of the Committee's recommendations will require time, effort and money. In the ensuing discussion, Committee members acknowledged these realities. Amidst the competition for limited resources, the Committee strongly encourages the City Council to give this matter priority, and foster sufficient partnerships in 2011 to achieve meaningful progress. It is the Committee's desire to get beyond the perennial debate of whether a downtown parking garage should be implemented. The Committee urges a coalition of public-private partners to marshal our collective efforts toward how a downtown parking garage can be implemented.

Next Steps:

The final report will be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council. Copies of the report will also be posted on the City's website.

A workshop to discuss the Committee's report will be on the agenda for the December 8th meeting of the City Council. Members of the Parking Advisory Committee are encouraged to participate in this workshop. In advance of the workshop, the Mayor and staff will prepare estimates regarding the cost of implementing the Parking Advisory Committee's recommendations.

When setting its goals for 2011, the City Council will be asked to support the Committee's recommendations.