



Vehicle Parking District Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

The Vehicle Parking District committee met in the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce board room, 609 W. Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: *Connie Geary, John Stappert, Lacey Porn, Brad Love, Doug Stebbing*

Guests Present: *Scott Adam, Dick Clyde*

Minutes recorded by: *Jarad Dahlkoetter*

Call to Order:

- Welcome** – Geary welcomed guests and called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.
- Attendance** – Jarad Dahlkoetter took roll call of attendees
- Approval of minutes** – *Loved motioned, seconded by Stappert to approve the minutes from 9.25.19. Roll Call: Yays: Geary, Stappert, Porn, Love, Stebbing. Nays: none. Motion Carried.*

Regular Agenda

- Discussion with Dick Clyde on sidewalk accessibility** Mr. Clyde was welcomed by Geary to the meeting and asked for his input. He said he has very little vision and has had a guide dog for 24 years. He said all the pedestrian crossings in downtown work differently. Some of them chirp and some of them don't and he would like them to be consistent. He also said stop signs are safer for pedestrians because pedestrians have the right of way with stop signs. He said the sculptures, trashcans, flower beds, and rails all pose challenges to him. On top of these challenges, he is concerned about the increasing amount of stuff businesses are putting on the sidewalk in the front of their stores. He said if he didn't have the seeing eye dog, he would not be able to navigate it and it gets to be very scary. Connie said this was mentioned at the Downtown Norfolk Association meeting, but they would continue to bring it up. She said they will ask for consistency with the shops on keeping their items close to their buildings. Connie thanked Dick and told him it was valuable for the board to know this information. Dick showed the board a picture of the sidewalk when it was most obstructed, and Lacey took a copy to email to downtown businesses as an example.
- Discussion on selling lot A** Geary said the board should use a similar bid process as the Veterans Administration did to sell their building. This would allow people to submit bids on the property. John asked if they should consider adding a minimum bid amount.
 - Porn motioned, seconded by Stebbing, to put Lot A for up for public bidding with the right to reserve. Roll Call: Yays: Geary, Stappert, Porn, Love, Stebbing. Nays: none. Motion Carried*
- Consideration of Appointing James Wapelhorst to the Loan Advisory Board of Directors**
 - Love motioned, seconded by Porn, to appoint James Wapelhorst to the Loan Advisory Board of Directors for another term. Roll call: yays: Geary, Stappert, Porn, Love, Stebbing. Nays: none. Motion Carried*
- Consideration of proposal from Nebraska Life Magazine** Moved to next agenda
- Continued discussion on allowing parking on side streets for downtown residents** Moved to next agenda

Norfolk Vehicle Parking District

The Vehicle Off-street Parking District #1 is a special taxing district, encompassing the downtown Norfolk area, created for the purpose of providing and maintaining off-street parking lots for employees and customers of the downtown businesses. The Vehicle Off-street Parking District #1 is also involved with downtown promotions and beautification.

VPD Board (9 members):

- Connie Geary
- Chad Barnhill 8/2021
- Pat Carney 8/2019
- Brad Love 8/2020
- Lacey Porn 8/2020
- Jessica Gordon 8/2020
- James Wapelhorst 8/2019
- Steve McNally 8/2021
- Lisa Blackman (Alt.) 8/2020
- John Stappert (Alt.) 8/2021



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Committee Reports

1. Marketing (Barnhill, Love, Wapelhorst)
2. Loans & Recruitments (McNally)
3. Beautification (Geary, Porn, Wapelhorst)
4. Parking & Traffic (McNally, Carney)

Consideration for next regular meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 8:00 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jarad Dahlkoetter, Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce