



Vehicle Parking District Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

The Vehicle Parking District committee met in the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce board room, 609 W. Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: *Connie Geary, Doug Stebbing (Alt.), James Wapelhorst, Chad Barnhill, Brad Love, Jessica Gordon, Lacey Porn*

Guests Present: *Stephanie Bates, Scott Adams, Shane Wiedner*

Minutes recorded by: *Jarad Dahlkoetter*

Call to Order:

- Welcome** – Geary called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.
- Attendance** – Jarad Dahlkoetter took roll call of attendees
- Approval of minutes** – *Gordon motions, seconded by Porn to approve the minutes from October 18. Roll Call: Yays: Geary, Wapelhorst, Barnhill, Love, Gordon, and Porn. Nays: None. Motion carried.*

Regular Agenda

- Update on letter to the City Council regarding downtown parking policy changes** Connie presented a finished letter the group will be giving to the City Council outlining several recommended changes to downtown parking. Shane Wiedner was in attendance to share his thoughts. He also agreed to give the letter to the City Officials to start working out the details. Gordon asked if the letter needed to include something about changing the signs. Geary said this was unnecessary because they were basically just moving the signs around. Wiedner said the group needed to continue to make sure the wording is clear on the signs so the officers could clearly enforce them. Wiedner also mentioned everything the VPD has as parking rules needs to match the city ordinance for enforceability, and he agreed to check and see what the ordinance currently says. Geary said the group would also like to do a town hall meeting to present these changes after the City Council approves them. In regard to one of the items in the letter, Wiedner also brought up that there needs to be signage that includes the side streets as snow emergency routes so cars will move off the street during a snow emergency. Barnhill suggested added the words “in the event of snow or a snow emergency, please move to designated lot.” Wiedner also encouraged the board to also consider the people who leave their cars downtown on the weekends because they used a designated driver. Gordon suggested giving the bars temporary parking passes they could hand out to their patrons so they wouldn’t park on the Avenue. James said we could put a positive marketing spin on this and get bars used to handing these out.

Gordon motioned, seconded by Porn to allow and distribute overnight parking passes, expiring at 8am, for restaurants and taverns to give to customers to encourage them to get home safely. Roll Call: Yays: Geary, Wapelhorst, Barnhill, Love, Gordon, and Porn. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Gordon motioned, seconded by Love to send this letter with changes made today to the Norfolk City Council. Roll call: Yays: Geary, Wapelhorst, Barnhill, Love, Gordon, and Porn. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 8/2022
- Brad Love 8/2020
- Lacey Porn 8/2020
- Jessica Gordon 8/2020
- James Wapelhorst 8/2022
- Steve McNally 8/2021
- Lisa Blackman (Alt.) 8/2020
- John Stappert (Alt.) 8/2021



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2. **Update on public bidding process for Lot A** Shane said once this information is in front of the correct subcommittee at the City, they will move forward with this request. He mentioned they sell property regularly and have a good process for this.
3. **Update on gathering numbers of residential parking needs per block** The board reported on their respective blocks how many overnight parking stalls were needed after consulting with the building owners on those blocks.
4. **Consideration of resignation of Lisa Blackman from the VPD board of directors** Moved to next agenda
5. **Consideration of nominations for vacant VPD board of directors' position** Moved to next agenda
6. **Update on locations for dog friendly areas** Weidner presented a picture of a dog area and said they could add a bag dispenser if necessary. He said they have received some complaints from businesses owners in this specific area about people not cleaning up after their dogs. He also mentioned there are cameras in this area for enforcement. Barnhill said the simple solution is to move forward with the bag dispenser. Wiedner said they would also need to talk about if it would include a trash and who is going to start dumping the trash from this receptacle.

Invoices:

#19-1371 Northern Lights Display for Downtown Banners for \$3,737.60 Porn motions, seconded by Love to approve this invoice for Downtown Banners. Roll call: Yays: Geary, Wapelhorst, Barnhill, Love, Gordon, and Porn. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#73501 Power Pages for theriverpoint.com domain for \$27.00 Gordon motions, seconded by Barnhill to approve this invoice to power pages. Roll call: v Yays: Geary, Wapelhorst, Barnhill, Love, Gordon, and Porn. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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, December 4, 2019 @ 8:00 am

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