



Vehicle Parking District Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

The Vehicle Parking District committee met in the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce board room, 609 W. Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: *Connie Geary, Doug Stebbing (alternate), Stephanie Bates (alternate), John Stappert, Lacey Porn*

Guests Present: *Lyle Lutt*

Minutes recorded by: *Jarad Dahlkoetter*

Call to Order:

1. **Welcome** – *Geary called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.*
2. **Attendance** – *Geary took roll call of attendees*
3. **Approval of minutes** – *Stebbing motioned, seconded by Porn to approve the minutes from January 8 with the following changes: Add “Thompson” as last name behind “Maynard” in Roll Call, and change word in quote from Justin Webb on page 2 from “should” to “shouldn’t.” Roll call: Yays: Geary, Stebbing, Bates, Stappert, and Porn. Nays: None. Motion carried.*

Regular Agenda

1. **Update on snow removal subcommittee meeting with city council** Geary reported she had spoken with the City Administrator. He said his team is working on setting up this subcommittee meeting. Lutt said subcommittees are really helpful and make for more fluidity to get questions out of the way before the council votes on something. Geary asked if all the councilman will be updated on the subcommittee meeting since they won't all be in attendance. Lutt said this happens frequently and the councilman not in attendance will be provided all the information.
2. **Updates from Downtown Norfolk Association** Porn said she presented to the Morning Optimist Club about downtown updates. She also reported she is writing a letter on behalf of the DNA in support of a grant. Geary passed around a letter she had written on behalf of the VPD for this grant as well.

Invoices:

Invoice #1652 to ASPM for de ice and snow removal on 12/29, 12/30, and 12/31 for \$1,239.00. *Stappert motions, seconded by Stebbing to approve Invoice #1652 to ASPM for \$1,239.00. Roll call: Yays: Geary, Stebbing, Bates, Stappert, and Porn. Nays: None. Motion carried.*

Committee Reports

1. Marketing (Barnhill, Love, Wapelhorst)
2. Loans & Recruitments (McNally)
3. Beautification (Geary, Porn, Wapelhorst) Stappert reported that a business owner told him they did not agree with building a park in the 3rd street parking lot downtown.

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
- Stephanie Bates (Alt.) 1/2023
- John Stappert (Alt.) 8/2021



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4. Parking & Traffic (McNally, Carney) Geary said attaining new lots in the near future will be helpful for the VPD. She said for years the VPD has wanted the growth that is happening right now, and they need to get out in front of the parking plans on each block. She said the group needs to figure out the best solutions for customers to park. Porn asked how many spots are available in the parking lot behind Magnolias. Connie reported 29 open spots. Connie also said she has shift workers at the Downtown Coffee Company and she wants to purchase extra parking tags, so those employees don't have to share parking tags. Porn said the VPD would benefit from a parking garage. Geary said this would be helpful and would also cost millions of dollars. Stappert suggested the group revisit the grass space on Madison Avenue as a place to add a parking lot. He said we can put gravel or slag down as a cheaper alternative to concrete.

Consideration for next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 @ 8:00 am

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