



Vehicle Parking District Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

The Vehicle Parking District committee met in the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce board room, 609 W. Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: *Connie Geary, Doug Stebbing (alternate), Stephanie Bates (alternate), Brad Love, Steve McNally, 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** – *McNally motioned, seconded by Love to approve the minutes from 2.5.20. Roll call: Yays: Geary, Love, McNally, Stappert, and Porn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.*

Regular Agenda

1. **Update on subcommittee meetings with city council** Lyle provided an update and said the subcommittee meeting has not been scheduled yet but they are still thinking the end of February or first part of March.
2. **Discussion on 15-minute parking** Geary provided a recap of the locations discussed. She said this originally started when she received a call that one of the restaurants downtown needed drop-off parking. The places they discussed were the northeast and southwest corners of 3rd street and Norfolk Avenue on 3rd street, the southwest corner of 4th and Norfolk Avenue on 4th street, and the southeast corner of 5th and Norfolk Avenue on 5th Street. Carney said this would not work well on the avenue. McNally asked if we are being proactive enough and not just satisfying requests as they come in. Geary said since we are going to the city council, we should have a plan together. Carney asked if the group should include times on the sign from 8-5 because they don't want this to take away evening parking for nightlife. Various members were assigned businesses to reach out to and discuss. This agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting.
3. **Update on downtown concert series** Porn said they have another meeting this week and they are waiting on an additional bid from insurance.
4. **Discussion on current rented parking spaces and discussion on additional parking** Connie brought a copy of what was submitted to the city council and reviewed the main points with the group.

Invoices:

Committee Reports

1. Marketing (Barnhill, Love, Wapelhorst)

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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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2. Loans & Recruitments (McNally) McNally asked about the Growing Together Initiative. Geary said we should invite the leaders of this to our next meeting for a presentation.
3. Beautification (Geary, Porn, Wapelhorst) McNally asked Lutt if the City could give an update on the Pigeon problem downtown.
4. Parking & Traffic (McNally, Carney)

Consideration for next regular meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 @ 8:00 am

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