



Vehicle Parking District Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

The Vehicle Parking District committee met in the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce board room, 609 W. Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: *Connie Geary, Steve McNally, Doug Stebbing, Brad Love, Jessica Gordon, James Wapelhorst, Stephanie Bates, Chad Barnhill, Lacey Porn.*

Guests Present: *Lyle Lutt, Mike Flood, Traci Jeffrey*

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 2.19.20. Roll call: Yays: Geary, McNally, Love, Gordon, Wapelhorst, Barnhill, and Porn. No nays. Motion carried.*

Regular Agenda

1. **Presentation from Mike Flood on Growing Together** Mike Flood joined the VPD as a guest and gave an update on the Aksarben Northeast Nebraska Growing Together program. He encouraged anyone who is interested in getting involved and presenting ideas to join the group. McNally suggested Mike look at current downtown building owners who may have 1-2 offices available for a coworking space while they construct one with many offices. Geary mentioned the airport should look into skydiving for young people. McNally also suggested they set up a mentoring program with professionals and the students who will be receiving these scholarships. The group thanked Flood for presenting on this topic.
2. **Update on subcommittee meetings with city council** Lyle said they had a city council retreat and discussed topics in relation to downtown and he would have someone reach out to Geary when they were ready to report anything. Gordon said the City officials told her Braasch would be getting repaired soon. Barnhill asked if they could consider putting speed bumps in the alley behind Midwest music and the loft. Lutt suggested speaking with the city engineering department.
3. **Continued discussion on 15-minute parking** Lutt said there is city code that includes certain addresses for 15-minute parking. On the back of each sign includes the city ordinance and date.
4. **Update on downtown concert series** Nothing to report at this time, another meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 6, at 8:30A a.m.
5. **Sculpture walk update** Traci Jeffrey joined the group to update on the upcoming 2nd annual sculpture walk in downtown. She reported 3,000 people visited the sculpture web page, and 100 people voted for their favorite sculpture. She said the committee has met and will be placing 12 sculptures in downtown and last year there was 10. She passed around pictures of the new ones. She also encouraged people to consider buying a sculpture because it will encourage more artists to come and submit their work here. Sculptures get installed May 8-9.

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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Invoices:

1. #1786 ASPM for \$2,634.00 for Liquid De-ice and snow removal on 2.19.20 *McNally motioned, seconded by Barnhill to approve this invoice. Roll call: Yays: Geary, McNally, Love, Gordon, Wapelhorst, Barnhill, and Porn. No nays. Motion carried.*
2. Invoice dated 2/24/2020 to Olson Tree Service for \$200.00 for removal of broken tree limbs over a El Rodeo restaurant. *McNally motioned, seconded by Barnhill to approve this invoice. Roll call: Yays: Geary, McNally, Love, Gordon, Wapelhorst, Barnhill, and Porn. No nays. 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, March 18, 2020 @ 8:00 am

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