

Ridgefield Parking Authority

Minutes 03-09-17

Present: Christopher Fusaro (Chairman), Jessica Wilmont (Co-Chairman) Richard Moccia, Robert Murphy, Enforcement Agents James and Katie

Absent: Mark Seavy

Meeting called to order by Mr. Fusaro @ 0835

Item 1– Discussion regarding Donnelly lot. Enforcement Officers reported that any vehicles in that area have been properly displaying valid parking permits and that approximately 50% of the spaces are vacant daily. There has been no abundance of overtime violations during the last month. Landlord concerns may be due to new tenant moving into half of property and desire to highlight enforcement and parking availability for new tenant. Enforcement will continue to patrol and issue violations as appropriate. All Town Hall employee permits are valid and current according to HR.

Item 2- The current parking permit program has demonstrated many issues that could be improved upon or redesigned to be more efficient and effectively managed.

The PA will continue to invite written and oral suggestions for improving the current parking permit system in place from any concerned members of our community.

The PA will schedule a public meeting regarding parking permits in late Spring to review the system that is currently in place and the benefits and negative aspects of the current system. We will review and also take into consideration any input from members of the community regarding parking permits during any modifications made to the current system.

The PA will then weigh all the input available and offer a realistic parking permit plan that can be implemented, accounted for, and be as fair an equitable as possible with the resources available to the Town. We will make this plan available to the BOS

To review along with an overview of our findings and decision making process used to develop a modification to the existing plan.

Item 3- A motion was made by Mr. Moccia, seconded by Mr. Murphy and also approved by Mrs. Wilmont and Mr. Fusaro to make a formal request to the BOS to have the Town Attorney review, update and re-issue all parking lot leases that are currently active for the Town.

Some items that need to be updated are the current property owners, property owner contact information, representatives for property owners contact information, uniformity of leases and continuation of the automatic annual renewal of leases.

The PA therefore requests that all leases for private lots under the control of the PA be forwarded by the BOS to the Town Attorney for updating and re- issued as soon as possible since this is in the best interest of the Town and Lot Owners.

Item-4 Over the next month the owners of the buildings and lots in the CVS area will be contacting Town Hall and the PA to schedule a meeting regarding the effects on their parking areas during times of events held in Ballard Park. The PA will notify all Town Agencies effected by this of such date and invite them to be present for this meeting.

Mrs. Wilmont will contact Barbara Manners to arrange a personal meeting with her since she is the operator of the CHIRP concerts. She will request on behalf of the PA to have CHIRP incorporate into its web page and announcements the changes for event parking and formally ask the concert goes to cooperate with our new event parking plans to better serve the needs of the residents and business community.

Mr. Moccia made a motion that the PA contact CHIRP and formally request a copy of all communications that CHIRP issues to those who attend and run the concerts regarding parking issues and the request of the PA for the attendees and organizers to cooperate with the new parking programs. Seconded by Mrs. Wilmont, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Fusaro also approved.

The PA thereby requests that Selectman Manners forward this request to CHIRP.

The PA has already met with the organizers of the Battle of Ridgefield scheduled for 04-29-17 and is in the process of gathering information to finalize a parking control plan that will be implemented by the Ridgefield Fire Police and their affiliates on that date. The PA will release this plan on by 03-29-17 to allow this information to be posted as desired by any organizations and business in Town, as they feel applicable.

Item 5- Public comments aired 0915 to 0945 regarding upcoming events in Town by Mr. Devine and Mr. Jensen.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Fusaro @ 0945, seconded by Mr. Murphy, agreed to by Mrs. Wilmont and Mr. Moccia.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Fusaro
Chairman
Ridgefield Parking Authority