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PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 20, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: City Councilor Mark Coen
City Councilor Allen Bennett
City Councilor Robert Werner
Main Street Concord representative Pam Peterson
Community Representative Jeff Bart
Chamber of Commerce Representative Mark Ciborowski
Parking Clerk Pat Steward
Parking Manager Dave Florence

ABSENT: City Councilor Fred Keach
Main Street Concord representative Jessica Eshleman
Concord Area Transit representative Jim Sudak

GUESTS: Assistant City Planner Stephen Henninger
Traffic Engineer Rob Mack
Deputy City Manager Carlos Baia

1. Councilor Werner moved to accept the minutes of the May meeting; Councilor Bennett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. McKee Square

Mr. Baia informed the committee that the proposed changes to traffic regulation for McKee Square could affect public parking. In addition, plowing for the area comes from the parking fund. The lot on Clinton Street in front of the bank is public parking, as are on-street spaces on South Street and Broadway. Mr. Mack reported that the McKee Square area experiences extreme congestion during rush hours and that there are many morning pedestrians. West Street at Broadway is one of the most crash-prone intersections in the city. Additionally, local businesses can be adversely affected by long queues. He presented two possible solutions: a multi-lane roundabout or signalization expansion and installment of a median at West Street. He opined that the roundabout solution is superior as it significantly decreases delays, increases green space, and improves pedestrian movement and safety. Councilor Werner inquired about a timeline for the project; Mr. Mack stated most likely 2013 for the design, with construction in the 2014 fiscal year. Mr. Ciborowski inquired whether federal money might be

available to help finance the roundabout; Mr. Henninger said we are looking into options but nothing is definite. He estimated the cost of the roundabout to be about \$800,000 for the total project.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact on driveways to local businesses. Councilor Coen inquired whether the city must retain public parking at the bank; Mr. Henninger replied that the area was built with federal funds 15 years ago, but the city may have the opportunity to sell to an abutter if the maintenance requirement ceases because of another project. Mr. Baia asked for the consensus of the committee regarding selling the property at the bank. Councilors Werner, Coen and Bennett agreed.

3. Updates and information

Firehouse Block Garage leases – Dave Florence is talking with the FB association.
Cale – Dave has sent email to Cale and should have a date for their presence soon.
Kiosks – Mr. Baia will get percentage of coverage for the next meeting.

Firehouse Block parking issue – Mr. Mack stated that people are parking in the driveway of the garage, frequently for pickup or dropoff at the day care center, thus creating blind spots and a high potential for accidents. He asked if the committee would recommend posting a sign. Since it's already a no-parking zone, no ordinance would be required. Discussion ensued regarding the efficacy of such a sign. The committee agreed a sign might be beneficial.

Fruit Street at the state office park – Mr. Mack related a complaint about cars parked up to the driveway at the state office parking during events at Memorial Field. Creating a no-parking zone 50 to 120 feet back would require an ordinance. He added that this is for information only, that engineering will be looking at reconfiguring the area in the future. Mr. Bart expressed reluctance to remove that much parking on the strength of one complaint. Councilor Bennett offered that there is never enough parking for events at Memorial Field.

4. Open Discussion

Councilor Werner inquired whether the city can sell the old surplus traditional meters. Pat Steward will check with Dave Florence.

Councilor Coen asked when the kiosks will be installed in the Capitol Commons Garage. Mr. Baia replied that he will check and report back to the committee.

Councilor Bennett moved to adjourn; Councilor Werner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.