

ADHOC Parking Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 18, 2013  
9:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present:

Gardner Bunting, Diane Tingle, Gene Langan, Marc McFaul, Gabriel Mancini, Scott Mumford, Merritt Burke, Chief William Boyden, Pat Schuchman

Public in Attendance:

William Kimmel, Michael Cebrick, Cecilia Bergner, Richard Pointer, Todd Smallwood, Virginia Childers Davidson, Buzz Henifin

Gardner Bunting began the meeting by explaining the purpose is to discuss parking issues, both in the residential and commercial zones, and asked that comments be limited to 3 minutes. He asked the public in attendance for any concerns they may have.

Richard Pointer of W. Bayard Street asked if increasing parking on the west side of Coastal Highway was to appease businesses or to increase revenue.

Chief Boyden answered that parking is limited as Fenwick Island has become a destination for many other than residents and property owners. The Town needs to find a way to increase parking to accommodate everyone and not to infringe on the rights of property owners.

Diane Tingle added that the Town, when originated, had not planned for increased parking needs and future parking issues need to be addressed.

Gene Langan further added that the parking needs of both the residents and commercial business need to be considered.

Mike Cebrick of W. Atlantic Street was concerned that visitors to Town do not understand the designation of the yellow and white striping on streets and would like the Town to consider reducing the speed limit to 15 mph and post speed limit signs on all streets in Town. Chief Boyden explained that the yellow and white striping is standard on the East Coast, yellow striping indicates no parking; white striping indicates parking allow.

Scott Mumford would like to see parking considerations agreeable to both business and residents and stated that staff and employee parking needs should be also be considered, particularly between May 15 and Labor Day.

Gabby Mancini added that designated parking needs to be made clear with proper signage and agreed employee parking is a problem.

Buzz Henifin added that contractor parking throughout Town continues to be a problem.

Virginia Childers Davidson expressed her concern that overflow parking from Ropewalk Restaurant caused problems all summer. Marc McFaul said his staff is instructed to make customers aware to not park on Sea Shell City parking lot but will place signage in distinctive locations in the restaurant warning that cars will be towed if parking on Sea Shell City lot.

Todd Smallwood added that Ropewalk may want to consider moving their valet stand toward the back of the parking lot. This would help alleviate the back-up that occurs along Rt. 1 with customers trying to enter Ropewalk's parking lot. Todd also commented he would like to see shuttle bus service addresses in Town ordinance.

Chief Boyden commented that the operation of shuttles needs to be lawful on Coastal Highway and drop off sites will need to be addressed.

Gabby Mancini suggested the Town consider a shuttle service as a concession in Town. This would help alleviate some parking problems and could be a revenue source for the Town.

Merritt Burke stated that the Town will conduct a right-of-way study on bayside streets before striping occurs. The area designated for parking must be wide enough for a car to park and have any vehicle tires fully on the right-of-way. Merritt added that the Town has received 2 bids for striping, the cost will be \$5,000.

Gardner explained that all meeting agendas and minutes are on the Town's website and available for anyone to view.

Gene Langan made a motion to place discussion of speed limits and east/west parking on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting to be held on September 27, 2013, seconded by Diane Tingle. All in favor.

The next ADHOC Parking Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.