

ADHOC Parking Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2013
10:00 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:

Bill Weistling, Todd Smallwood, Virginia Childers Davidson, Cecelia Bergner, Richard Pointer, Buzz Henifin, Dick Bowman, Vaughn McCabe (Public Works Department)

MINUTES:

Gene Langan made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2013 committee meeting seconded by Diane Tingle. All in favor.

DISCUSSION:

Gardner Bunting announced to the committee members and public in attendance that the speed limit on all east/west streets was changed to 15 mph at the September 27, 2013 Town Council meeting.

A survey was conducted on all bayside streets to determine how many parking spaces currently exist. There are 75 parking spaces that can be designated with white striping.

Vaughn McCabe of the Public Works showed samples of street signs which will show where parking is permitted and the hours permits are required. Also new to the signs is the last line which says "White Zone Only", referring to parking allowed along white striping only.

Gabby Mancini said that the current wording on the signs can be confusing since most people focus on "Permit Parking Only" and don't read any further that parking permits are required from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from May 15 through September 15.

Re-arranging the wording on the signs was discussed in order to make the signs more clear to motorists. Also discussed was parking on both sides of some streets.

Chief Boyden suggested that having signs on both sides of the streets will help motorists understand where legal parking is. When asked if the signs could be higher so as to not be blocked by a larger vehicle, Chief stated the height is regulated by the State and Federal governments.

Most committee members were not in favor of parking on both sides of the street throughout Town.

Buzz Henifin asked if all four tires must be off the macadam in order for a vehicle to be legally parked. Merritt Burke answered that the right-of-way study showed that most parking spaces counted have about 2' into the pavement and 4' into the right-of-way.

Bill Weistling pointed out that the Town started reclaiming rights-of-way along Town streets years ago, most recently during street paving projects.

Chief added that a parking ticket would be issued if a vehicle was obstructing traffic and impeding emergency vehicles.

Gabby suggested striping a 3-sided box which would indicate a parking space instead of just a single white stripe.

Gene Langan made a motion to limit parking to one side only on all bayside streets with inside/outside striping designating parking spaces, amended to striping a 3-sided box designating each parking space, seconded by Diane Tingle. All in favor.

Merritt Burke stated the Town is looking at moving parking on W. Atlantic Street to the south side of the street.

Discussion continued on whether to consider parking on north/south streets and having Public Works conduct a survey to determine the widths of such streets.

Gabby Mancini made a motion to conduct a survey of north/south streets to determine if they are wide enough for parking, seconded by Scott Mumford. All in favor.

Gabby continued the discussion of instituting a shuttle service as a concession and possible revenue source for the Town.

Discussion on the type of vehicle and where a shuttle service would be localized resulted in several ideas. It was agreed by Gabby Mancini, Scott Mumford and Marc McFaul, all three having restaurants in Town, that a single shuttle service provide service to all businesses in Town. Allowing individual businesses their own shuttle would be hard to control.

The area covered by a shuttle service was also discussed. It was consensus that this service be limited to areas along Coastal Highway, both within and outside Town limits.

Gardner stated he and Merritt Burke will research these ideas and report back at the next committee meeting.

Gabby also mentioned he was in favor of neighboring businesses working out shared parking in order to offer some parking during hours when neighboring businesses are closed.

Scott Mumford suggested parking permits being made available to businesses and their employees who are working during hours when permits are required.

Marc McFaul asked about parking at Town Hall when not open for business. Diane Tingle stated this would be a decision that would need Town Council approval.

NEXT MEETING:

The next ADHOC Parking Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Diane Tingle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gabby Mancini. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

