

**PAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 22, 2016
DRAFT ACTION ITEM**

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 by Juliet Sinisterra.

Attendees Members Voting:

Alicia Barbieri, Steve Blaska, Dana Harbaugh, Ellen Picken, Bryn West, Jim Hanley, TJ Hake

Attendees Members Non-Voting:

Council Member Beggs, Council Member Kinnear, Melissa

Absent:

Richard Kier

Staff: Andrew Rolwes, Heather Trautman, Juliet Sinisterra, Michael Dick (Intern)

Agenda Items

Approve minutes from October:

Steve Blaska made a motion to approve of the minutes for October, TJ Hake seconded this motion.

Spokane Arts Update:

Ellen Picken introduced the new director of Spokane Arts, Melissa Huggins.

East-West Main Parking and Streetscape Demonstration Project Update:

Several committee members and staff attended and participated in the grand opening of the new East Main streetscape and parking area. Comments from committee members at the opening event included emphasis on investment of downtown parking revenue into streetscape and transportation improvements, which is what paid for a large part of the project. Committee members agreed that feedback on the use of the parking payment kiosks should be gathered to assess the public's reaction to multi-space meters.

There was subsequent discussion of on-street parking use in the same area and the effort to reconfigure taxi and passenger loading zones to deal with a conflict that had emerged between bar owners and taxi operators. The reconfigured taxi/loading zones would be installed and monitored to determine if the fix was effective.

Council member Kinnear mentioned that several members of the public spoke about how much they appreciated the new parking arrangement on the two-block portion of Main, business owners especially.

Priority Parking Investment Rankings:

Heather Trautman mentioned the importance of developing a ranking system for use by the DSP, the PAC, and the City of Spokane to help in prioritizing future projects within the city.

Committee members voted individually on what priorities parking revenue should be allocated to:

1. District Character (Beautification) 29
2. Connectivity/Gateways/Wayfinding – 27
3. Economic Development – 24
4. Structural Deficiency/Safety – 15
5. Planning – 10

After voting, committee members raised some initial concerns about sidewalk safety and liability and encouraged the consideration for directly funding repairs and improvements of sidewalks. Council Member Beggs stated that he was conducting polling in his district of support for creating a separate fund through new taxes to deal with sidewalk maintenance issues across the City. Many members raised concern over who would be liable in terms of city projects and safety when other property owners are involved. It was reassured at this point that the city as well as the property owner would be liable in the issue of tripping and falling hazards.

Heather Trautman talked about increasing parking rates and what kinds of investments could made to justify meter rate increases. Council Member Beggs and Heather discussed some of the pros and cons of expanding parking kiosks over individual meters. Trautman emphasized the importance of creating a systematic parking development strategy in the coming year.

Heather mentioned that she needed confirmation that members have all the required training as well as related certificates.

Steve Blaska mentioned that he was particularly worried about sidewalk vaults with regards to future construction projects

The PAC ended the meeting with the plan to talk about developing the residential parking project in the future. The Committee decided to cancel the meeting for December.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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