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**Joint Planning Commission/Downtown
Commission
Meeting**
7:00 p.m. - Thursday, October 15, 2015
Police Community Room, 155 Center Street

Call to Order — 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call —

Present: Planning Commissioners J. Conway; M. Mesiti-Miller; C. Nielsen; M. Primack; M. Tustin; P. Spellman, Vice-Chair; P. Kennedy, Chair.
Downtown Commissioners J. Nickell; R. Slack, K. Heiman; M Farrell;
C. Coonerty-Proti; Z.Davis, Chair.

Absent: D. Cube

General Business —

1. Parking Toolkit

RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission and Downtown Commission receive a presentation on emerging best practices in parking management from a panel of invited speakers. This is an informational item only.

Principal Planner Ron Powers introduced the Panel of experts in parking management: Ria Hutabarat Lo with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.; Janis Rhodes, Consultant; and Frederik J. Venter, P. E., Transportation Manager with Kimley-Horn and Associates. Each of the panel of experts presented a short talk regarding an aspect of parking issues.

The Public Hearing was opened. Speaking from the audience:

- Jack Nelson, Campaign for Sensible Transportation;
- Charles Huddleston;
- Philippe Habib;
- Ed Silveira;
- Judi Grunstra;
- John Swift;
- Charles Huddleston.

The Public Hearing was closed.

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The Commissioners made comments and asked questions regarding:

- Service providers for developmentally disabled need parking;
- Do we need more parking;
- Technology interacting with parking;
- Connected vehicles;
- Traffic and parking are a housing problem;
- Amount of land used for parking;
- Transportation for students and downtown workers;
- Office space need for parking;
- Unbundled parking;
- Parking deficiency fees;
- Price of land downtown;
- Bicycle ridership;
- Park mobile;
- Incremental parking fee increases;
- Free public transportation;
- Planning for the future;
- Corridor planning;
- Rail trail;
- Neighborhood parking districts;
- Shared parking among neighborhoods;
- In lieu fees;
- Planning for parking in a tourist town;
- Local parking incentives;
- Overcoming resistance to change;
- Bicycle lane networks;
- On site bicycle rentals;
- Parking ratios;
- Downtown parking.

ACTION: The Planning Commission/Downtown Commission received the presentation, heard public comment, asked questions and made comments. No action was taken.

Adjournment — 10:05 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on October 22, 2015 in the City Council Chambers.

The next Downtown Commission meeting will take place on December 3, 2015 in the City Council Chambers.

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