

1 PARKING SYSTEMS TASK FORCE MEETING  
2 MINUTES  
3 MARCH 14, 2013  
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5 The Parking Systems Task Force held a meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Brannon Center, 105  
6 South Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Chairman Vazquez called the meeting to order at  
7 5:30p.m.  
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9 The following members answered to roll call:

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11 John Vazquez  
12 Adele Aletti  
13 Wade Mahood  
14 Ernest Yarborough  
15 Nejma Peter  
16 Paul Mayer  
17 Travous Dever  
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20 Also present were Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat; CRA & Economic Development Director Tony  
21 Otte; Planning Manager Gail Henrikson; and Recording Secretary Tammy Mena; members of the public and  
22 press.  
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24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2013

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26 **Adele Aletti made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2012,**  
27 **seconded by Ernest Yarborough. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**  
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29 DISCUSS CITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

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31 **1. Establish a Parking Fund that would include funds derived from various sources (sale of Columbus**  
32 **Street lot, leased space fees, kiosk parking at ocean front lots, metered parking, overtime fines and**  
33 **enhanced enforcement of established parking regulations). Parking funds to be used for enforcement;**  
34 **equipment and maintenance.**  
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36 Mr. Yarborough stated that it's not a question of how you fund the parking fund at this point it's establishing a  
37 parking fund which might derive from various sources such as kiosks or selling the Columbus lots.  
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39 Chairman Vazquez stated that he would recommend this as immediate.  
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41 Mr. Yarborough asked if the Columbus Avenue lot could be sold immediately.  
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43 Mr. Resheidat stated that the city is in the middle of getting appraisals on these lots right now. He stated that  
44 there is no guarantee that they will sell immediately.  
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46 Mr. Yarborough stated that we can start the fund immediately just how we establish it might take it a little  
47 longer.  
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49 **The consensus of the Board was immediate.**  
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1 **2. Put up signage on Flagler Ave. and intersecting cross streets (i.e., between Flagler and Florida and**  
2 **Flagler and Jessamine) that would limit parking to 2 hours between 7AM-5PM and no parking overnight**  
3 **when street sweepers are in use; establish “kiosk” parking at selected beach front parks.**

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5 Ms. Aletti stated that she thought this was short term.

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7 Mr. Yarborough asked why short term if we plan to do it.

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9 Ms. Aletti stated that she thinks the employee parking needs to be addressed first.

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11 **The consensus of the Board was immediate.**

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13 **3. Have metered/kiosk/paid parking along Flagler Ave and at the Flagler Boardwalk, Esther Street,**  
14 **Sapphire, 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Swoope Site, North Causeway Boat Ramp and South Atlantic Beach Park**  
15 **parking lots.**

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17 Mr. Dever stated that he would recommend short term that way you could build up the parking fund and then  
18 have money to purchase these kiosks.

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20 Mr. Yarborough stated that if we could do it in less time with the city’s process we should do that.

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22 **The consensus of the Board was short term.**

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24 **4. Secure a public/private partnership for a parking garage (location to be determined including**  
25 **consideration of Bert Fish Hospital lot).**

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27 **The consensus of the Board was long term.**

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29 **5. Determine any locations along Flagler Ave. where tree islands can be removed.**

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31 Mr. Dever stated that he didn’t recommend doing it at all.

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33 Mr. Yarborough stated that he agrees because of the cost and not gaining a whole lot of parking spaces either.

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35 Mr. Resheidat stated that he would recommend not taking them out.

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37 **The consensus was to recommend the City Commission review this.**

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39 **6. Review all existing parking regulations that pertain to new businesses on Flagler Avenue and parking**  
40 **requirements.**

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42 Mr. Dever stated that is probably a discussion for the P&Z Board.

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44 **The consensus was to recommend the P&Z Board review this.**

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1 **7. Appoint another parking task force in September to review implemented plans and discuss new**  
2 **initiatives which would include Residential Parking permits.**

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4 Ms. Aletti asked if that was enough time after changes are made.

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6 Mr. Resheidat asked if the Board recommended using the same Board members or appointing new Board  
7 members.

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9 **The consensus of the Board was short term and to use the same Board members if they are available.**

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11 **8. City to begin collecting fees for all leased spaces. Consider long term leases for current parking leased**  
12 **by the CRA/City and consider parking impact fees, or in-lieu of parking fees, for businesses on Flagler**  
13 **Ave. I (as regards fee collection)**

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15 Chairman Vazquez stated that the City Commission waived it until April 2013 but he thought the  
16 recommendation was that they needed to start paying to build up the parking fund.

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18 **The consensus of the Board was immediate.**

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20 **9. Ensure that all parking fees are being paid.**

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22 **The consensus of the Board was that this was redundant.**

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24 **10. City to sell the Columbus Street lot.**

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26 **The consensus of the Board was immediate.**

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28 **11. Establish shuttle/trolley fee paid service throughout Loop area with stops at North Causeway (city**  
29 **owned lot and Marine Discovery Center), 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (Little Theater lot and others TBD) and Flagler Ave.**  
30 **(TBD). Approach SVAA regarding funding.**

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32 **The consensus of the Board was long term.**

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34 **12. Establish one way streets along Esther, Jessamine and Buena Aries (including consideration of one**  
35 **way only “in season”).**

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37 Ms. Aletti stated that she didn't know about making Jessamine a one way street.

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39 Ms. Peter stated that they said there were too many trucks on that road.

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41 Mr. Resheidat stated that the business owners weren't in favor of Bueno Aires being one way.

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43 Mr. Yarborough stated that we could recommend Bueno Aires being one way and the City Commission could  
44 make that decision.

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46 Mr. Dever asked about Florida Avenue being one way.

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1 Mr. Resheidat stated that it wasn't recommended by the Police Department.

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3 **The consensus of the Board was immediate without recommending making Jessamine one way.**

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5 **13. Hire an outside firm to enforce existing or new parking regulations**

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7 Mr. Dever stated that he didn't think we could hire anyone until we have the funds and the regulations in place.

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9 **The consensus of the Board was short term.**

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11 **14. Be prepared for report to City Council at 4/9/13 meeting.**

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13 **The consensus of the Board was immediate.**

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15 **15. Continue to look for options for smaller surface parking lots throughout the area.**

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17 **The consensus of the Board was that this would be ongoing.**

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19 **16. Remove shuffle board court.**

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21 **The consensus of the Board was short term.**

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23 NO NEW BUSINESS

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25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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27 Debra Dugas stated that on North Peninsula there is a lot near the Grayce Barck Park why can't people use that  
28 for parking.

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30 Ms. Henrikson stated that there was discussion of making that parking.

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32 Chairman Vazquez stated that lot wouldn't help Flagler Avenue its more than two blocks away.

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34 ADJOURNMENT

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36 With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.