

TOWN OF HULL
Parking Study Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: 01-03-2011 Meeting Start: 7:02 pm Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm

PARKING LOT ISSUES: DCR Lots, open town lots, additional parking locations

TOPICS: Sticker fees, long term goal of committee, JPod discussion with Judeth Van Hamm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent		
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Jim Canavan-David Clinton (AB)	x dc			

Visitors: Janet Johnson, Maxine Winig, Alana Swiec, Tim Smith

MOTION: Approve minutes from Dec 6, 2011

Member	Yes/No	
John Brannan	x	
Dennis Zaia	x	
John Minnelli		
Amy Lemkin-Paul Espstein (BMC)	x	
Bob Brady	x	moved
Audrey Cassevov	x	
Moe Fishel		
Bob DeCoste	x	second
Jean La Rochelle		
John Pucillo		
Jim Canavan-David Clinton (AB)	abstain	

Comments: Unanimous

MOTION: to adjourn meeting

Member	Yes/No	
John Brannan	x	
Dennis Zaia	x	second
John Minnelli		
Amy Lemkin-Paul Espstein (BMC)	x	
Bob Brady	x	motion
Audrey Cassevoy	x	
Moe Fishel		
Bob DeCoste	x	
Jean La Rochelle		
John Pucillo		
Jim Canavan-David Clinton (AB)	abstain	

Comments: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
John Minelli

January 3, 2011

JVH J POD PROJECT:

- Crucial issue for town and businesses, JVH working on transportation angle.
- Maximize business opportunities while mitigating traffic congestion.
- Proposes two year demonstration project for approx \$10mm.
- Long term goal is to connect to Nantasket Junction and Pemberton to solve congestion problem.
- Route would steer traffic away from avenue in front of arcades, also seen as an amusement type of attraction.
- Rockport survey mentioned to support community benefits of similar transportation systems.
- Land lease = 5% of approx \$1.5mm for DCR and Levin trust.
- Mentions green space replacing parking spots between pavilion and bathhouse.
- Project would substantially improve traffic issues facing bicyclists in Nantasket Beach.
- JPOD to Kenberma from Nantasket Junction would take approx 10 minutes.
- System also has solar component, which uses electrolysis to create methane (natural gas system/storage).
- References 1800's and coal energy driving industrial revolution. Mentions peak oil 2015 date.
- Technology research center in China is in discussions with JPOD related to development of a new train system.
- Heathrow (spelling?) also has similar system, South Korea, Morgantown (installed similar system in 1970's).
- Compares personal rapid transit to automobile development.

JVH QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- Moe: concerned about economics regarding impetus to invest in Hull considering limited year round population.
- Unclear about who will foot the \$10mm costs, Rockport Capital etc are being consulted for funding. After 2 year trial period it is unclear what would happen with the infrastructure.

- Project was selected from GE competition, and is seeking capital to create new transport system in the south shore area.
- Short term transportation system, mentions moving technology to Haiti etc.
- Good question regarding success of PEDICABS last summer.

MEETING COMMENCEMENT:

- Jackson from New Clarion Group in attendance.
- Funding will not come from the town budget.

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- Discussion of Houston Parking pay stations.
- Believes all stickers should include a fee, and entitle sticker-holders to park in their "area".
- Against free parking at metered spots.
- Notes that current bus route does not have a stop at Nantasket Junction.
- HRA parking lots and question utility for town.

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- Handout, notes that he is now in favor of paying a fee for stickers.
- Create new elected board, create Enterprise Fund, stresses need to avoid any funds generated from parking being comingled with town general funds.

Brady:

- Enterprise fund is key because it will lead to street improvements.
- Suggests \$25 per vehicle.

MO:

- Suggests that we have yes/no vote for all proposals this evening.

John Brannan:

- Discussion of meetings with people from the community, states a take it or leave it proposal will not hold water. Believes that specific areas of the town, which are impacted by traffic. Suggests only Southern part of town will be privy to fee system for first 3 years of implementation. Funds generated would be used on beautification program, afterwards stage 2 (Kenberma-Allerton), then year 3 (Pemberton), believes that pitching plan for entire town will not generate the support needed.
- Park in your driveways campaign. Suggests visitor passes must be house specific, whereas resident passes will be less restrictive. However, resident sticker would not entitle people to park anywhere in town, but would maintain the restricted vs. unrestricted system.

Alana Swiec:

- Believes a beach component would be overreaching.
- Suggests narrow focus on parking alone for immediate future.
- Supports Bob's plan, would like local business representative member for future Parking Board.
- Agrees with phased program that will not overwhelm the residents.
- Stresses importance of nominal fee and small proposal for phase 1 in order to build support for future improvements.
- Suggests 10% of parking funds in town should be reinvested in proposed Enterprise Fund.
- Suggests adding new parking spots as part of phase 1.

-Notes that Nantasket Avenue has unnecessary driving lanes that should be used for creating new parking revenue.

Attendee: Concerned about restricted parking system and how Beach Ave will be impacted by proposal.
Committee: Clarifies that current restricted system will remain for Beach Avenue area.

John Brannan:

-Would like to generate revenue from commuters that use beach.

Jackson:

-Clarion will pay town for replacement for HRA parking (approximately 60 spaces).
-Urges town to take over DCR lot management.

Alana:

-Supports creation of non-profit to manage DCR lots and reinvest and revitalize the area.

Alana:

-Majority of residents have no parking issue, however those with parking problem have critical parking issue.

MOTION:

ASK TOWN COUSEL ABOUT ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE FUND AND FORMING A PERMANENT PARKING COMMITTEE.

1) Inquire about legality of an Enterprise Fund.

2) Clarion seeks to partner with Hull directly to contract for parking spaces and avoid paying middle-men for parking in the future.