

**PARKING AND SAFETY
MOTION SUMMARY
April 16, 2018**

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Shafer called the Parking and Safety Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman Chris Jones and Chairman Kent Shafer

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Jones moved to excuse Councilwoman Keller, seconded by Chairman Shafer. Motion approved by 2-0 vote.

Staff Present: Kelsey Scott, Economic Development Specialist, Robert Penrod, Police Captain, Jessica Ormeroid, Project Manager,

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held February 19, 2018, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Mr. Jones moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Parking and Safety Committee meeting held February 19, 2018, seconded by Chairman Shafer. Motion approved by a 2-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM 4. CONSIDERATION for the installation of "No Parking" signage on Richardson St., from Hayes St. to the alley between Richardson St. and Cheshire St.

Captain Penrod discussed the request to remove parking on one side of the road. He discussed notification efforts to the surrounding neighbors on Richardson Street. He discussed the difficulty maneuvering a vehicle on the street when both sides of the street have parked cars. Captain Penrod also discussed that it was observed that trees were cut down that were located in the right of way and private property on the west side of Richardson Street.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Vanesh Vazirani
164 Richardson Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Vazirani questioned staff on what started the investigation and survey to

the neighbors. He voiced concerns of the lack of parking and the need to have open parking throughout the east side of Richardson Street for parking. He voiced concerns about the perception of neighbors that you may only park in front of the house.

Larry Bradley
161 Richardson Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Bradley voiced concerns related to the accident history of Cheshire and Vine. He recommended that the street be designated as a one way street.

Chairman Shafer requested that staff provide input from the Fire Chief regarding the recommendation to designate parking on the east side of the street only.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION of traffic calming measures at the corner of Cobblestone drive and Canal Street.

Staff discussed the option to use traffic calming measures in the area. Ms. Ormeroid discussed the average speed and average amount of vehicles that stop appropriately at the Cobblestone and Carson Farms four way intersection. She stated that 85% of drives have an average speed of 31-32 mph. Captain Penrod discussed enforcement efforts in the area.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mary Lou Lovell
661 Cobblestone Drive
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ms. Lovell voiced concerns over the lack of stop signs and speed in the area.

Toby West
679 Cobblestone Drive
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ms. West voiced concerns over the high speeds from Houk Rd to Canal Street.

Ms. Ormeroid recommended using the dynamic speed back sign in the area.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION of parking restrictions on West Fountain Avenue.

Captain Penrod discussed the concern relating to parking on both sides of the street and the difficulty maneuvering vehicles in and out of driveways and on

the street. Captain Penrod informed the Committee that staff observed conditions while the high school students were both on spring break and back in session. He discussed the significant increase of parked cars on both sides of the street when school was in session. Captain Penrod discussed the recommendation of parking restrictions on one side of the road from 7 am to 4 pm, and will send out a survey to surrounding residents for further discussion. Ms. Ormeroid reviewed the accident history in the area.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Richard Jackson
270 West Fountain Avenue
Delaware, Ohio

Dick Brulotte
292 West Fountain Avenue
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Brulotte and Mr. Jackson voiced their support for parking restrictions during school hours and voiced difficulty having two traffic when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

The Committee requested that surrounding neighbors be surveyed and notified of the recommendations.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION of the recommendations of the Downtown Parking Advocacy Committee – Enforcement Work Group, as listed:

- a. Extend Days and Hours of parking enforcement
- b. Expand downtown time limited parking to 3 hours
- c. Change in fine structure

Captain Penrod discussed the recommendations by the Enforcement Work Group to have 2 hour unmetered spaces be extended to 3 hours. He discussed the recommendations for parking fines and recommend parking enforcement be extended to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joe Diamond
153 North Washington Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Diamond voiced a concern over the extension of parking enforcement and the need for tenants who lack parking to have a place to park in the evenings. Mr. Diamond voiced the need for continued 10 hour parking and to change the fine structure. Mr. Diamond recommended that the fine be at around \$10 for

the first offense and increase for each violation. He discussed that many businesses are paying the cost of the fine for their customers and that the fine makes it difficult for downtown businesses to compete with businesses that have parking lots.

Mark Smiles
Greater Gouda
193 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Smiles voiced his support to the concerns and recommendations voiced by Mr. Diamond.

David Kessler
Sandusky Street Antiques
30 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Kessler voiced a concern over the current fine structure and informed the Committee that he has paid the fine for customers and has lost business in the past due to customers being upset over the high fine.

Chris DeVol
Son of Thurman
5-7 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. DeVol recommended the City provide incentives to private lots for after hour public use.

Don Ranke
52 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Ranke discussed the concern over the potential loss of 10 hour parking spaces. He discussed his role as the Treasurer for the Delaware County Finance Authority and the ability for the Finance Authority to assist the City in funding a parking structure. He recommended a joint session with the Finance Authority and Council to discuss the option of a parking structure. Mr. Ranke requested information on who was on the Downtown Parking Advocacy Group.

Tracey Peyton
Strand Theatre
28 East Winter Street

Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Peyton voiced the need to increase the 2 hour parking to 3 hour, due to the average movie time is 2 hour and 10 minutes. She felt the extension of parking enforcement would not be beneficial.

Patrick Bailey
Endangered Species
11 West Winter Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Bailey informed the Committee that the recommended extension of parking enforcement was related to restaurants needing parking turnover. He agreed with the need for a parking structure as many of his patrons are from out of town and will also visit nearby restaurant establishments. He recommended that the fine structure be lowered and to also to put meters throughout the downtown area.

Sheila Hiddleston
Delaware General Health District
1-3 West Winter Street
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Hiddleston voiced the concern that many client visits will take longer than two hours and recommended a voucher system to allow their clients to utilize their parking spots longer.

Todd Daughenbaugh
Fresh Start Café and Bakery
24 North Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Daughenbaugh discussed the need to determine the goal of the parking work groups and address the issue.

ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

Kelsey Scott provided information regarding the Downtown Business Survey as the survey regarding branding for city lots.

ITEM 9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Chairman Shafer moved to adjourn the meeting.

The Parking and Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Kent Shafer, Chairman



Elaine McCloskey, Clerk