

**MINUTES
PARKING & MAIN STREET COMMISSION
May 2009**

The regular meeting of the Parking and Main Street Commission of the City of Garden Grove commenced at 7:30 a.m. by the recording secretary.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Doug Coleman
Commissioner Hooshang Farahmond
Commissioner Jeremy Harris
Commissioner Peter Katz
Commissioner Bruce Nguyen
Commissioner Audrey Pecor
Commissioner Rebecca Weimer

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Carter, Liaison, Ann Cao, Admin Analyst, Public Works, Hershel Skidmore, Financial Services Manager, Karl Hill, Planning Manager, Maria Parra, Planner, Chet Yoshizaki, Economic Development Director, Katie McCall, Economic Dev. Specialist, and Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Phil Carter led Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded to receive and file the minutes from March 2009.

Action: Approved (7) Ayes

**Old Business
Drinking Fountains**

It was motioned and seconded to table this item to a future meeting

Action: Approved (7) Ayes

Elect Chairperson & Vice Chair

Peter Katz received a nomination and second to Chairperson.

Action: Approved (7) Ayes

Rebecca Weimer received a nomination and second to Vice chair.

Action: Action: Approved (7) Ayes

Revenue and Expenditure Statement

January – March 2009

It was moved and seconded to accept the Revenue and Expenditure Statement January – March 2009.

Action: Approved (7) Ayes

Interpretation of Uses-Limited Live Entertainment

The staff report was introduced by Maria Parra to obtain a recommendation from the Commission regarding IOU #105-09 to allow restaurants with limited live entertainment in the Main Street Historical Retail Overlay (H-R) Zone.

Concerns:

- Additional Fees; Being Affordable to enhance your business
- Include a provision to consider non-restaurant establishments to fall within the same purview that is considered for restaurants only.
- No amplified music or sound is to be allowed outside of the fully enclosed building.

This commission is directing staff to recommend to the City Council to consider waiving or reducing the fees that are connected with application of a new CUP for entertainment purposes if there is an existing CUP already in place.

It was moved and seconded to accept Interpretation of Use No. IOU-105-09 with the addition of including the provision to consider non-restaurant establishments to fall within the same purview that is considered for restaurants only; and to direct staff to recommend to City Council to waive or reduce the fees associated with filing for an secondary CUP for entertainment purposes.

Action: Approved (7) Ayes

Ordinance of City Council Amending Chapter 22 To Title 1 of GG Municipal Code Relating to Administrative Citations and Fines for Violations of the Municipal Code

The Commission is directing staff to inform the City Council that this Commission is requesting it be consulted first before Council makes a final decision that may affect businesses on Main Street.

Speed Limit

Concerns & Suggestions:

- The 15 MPH speed limit is not enforceable because it is lower than 25 MPH
- It was suggested a stop sign be installed at the t-intersection where the parking lot is on the east side of Main Street but on Main Street proper between Acacia and Garden Grove Blvd.
- Installing speed tables was given as a suggestion.

It was moved and seconded to table this item to a future meeting so that staff can receive information on this topic from the City Traffic Engineer and to recommend to the Traffic Commission that a stop sign be installed at the middle of Main Street between Acacia Parkway and Garden Grove Blvd.

Action: Approved (7) Ayes

Vacant Lot on Main Street

Concerns & Suggestions:

- Eye sore/put up the green fencing to block the view and keep the dust down
- Dust and debris into the other businesses and buildings
- Detriment to all the other businesses on the street
- Getting the runaround: Code Enforcement says it's a building issue and the Building Division says it's a code enforcement issue
- Have the City force the owner to clean up the mess, take down the fence and use it as a walk through safely; it is being used as a storage yard
- Safety problems, pedestrians passing through the fence

Farmers Market

Concerns:

- Keep the street open during the Strawberry Festival so that the street is more open and inviting to the public attending the festival.
- Staff will research and call Commissioner Katz prior to the festival.

Strawberry Festival

Concerns:

- Traditionally the stage is parked horizontally to Main Street, blocking off the southerly portion of the street. The commission would like to have it parked vertically to open up Main Street to the public the way it is parked usually limits the visibility to Main Street.

Staff informed the Commission that this is a private matter between the PMSC and the Strawberry Festival Committee.

It was moved and seconded to have the PMSC write a letter to the Strawberry Festival asking them to park the stage in a different configuration.

Action: Approved (7) Ayes

**Intention to Initiate Proceedings
Toward Dissolution of Vehicle Parking District No.2.**

The power point presentation was given by Katie McCall to inform the Parking and Main Street Commission (PMSC) of this action. This item will go before City Council on May 26, 2009.

Commissioner Katz read into record the document "Motion to Table / Postpone Item #1 Under Other Matters; Parking and Main Street Commission Agenda Intention to Initiate Proceedings toward Dissolution of Vehicle Parking District #2".

It was moved and seconded to accept and file this document into the minutes of record.

Action: Approved (7) Ayes

Concerns:

- Parking lots have been already taken and current parking spaces will be lost
- No money will be received by the PMSC
- This intention will be the first step in abolishing the PMSC
- Violation of the Brown Act
- How is the governing body dissolved without the body being notified
- The PMSC was not notified nor invited to take part or provide input into the study session that authorized and directed staff to initiate a dissolution procedure.
- The PMSC is requesting the minutes of the study session that initiated this action
- PMSC is directing staff to notify the City Council of it's intention to oppose any action or attempt to dissolve parking district no.2

Larry Collier, 12635 Main Street #124, addressed the Commission:

- The PMSC serves a great purpose
- The City Council serves a great purpose
- Is the City Council for or against Historical Downtown Main Street

Audit Process for Main Street Funds:

- This was addressed in the previously read document of record by Commissioner Katz
- The Commission is requesting the sales price of lots #6 where Office Depot is now located and lots #4 and #5 where Coastline now sits and any other revenue streams and/or lump sums that were passed through the Parking District from the time of it's inception
- Will the PMSC (with the name change-Main Street Commission) still have jurisdiction over the Historical Overlay Zone should the dissolution of Parking District #2 take place

- The college parking lots were included in the traffic study completed as available parking however, those lots are not available for additional parking as they are signed tow-away zones and ticketing is being enforced - Many of the stores on Main Street were closed for retro fitting at the time the study was done

Ann Cao was introduced as the new liaison to the Parking and Main Street Commission.

The new Commissioners were introduced.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Jacot
Recording Secretary