



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes

Parking Commission.

Friday, December 3, 2021

7:30 AM

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE: The Duluth Parking Commission will be holding its December 2021 meeting by other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some members of the Commission will be participating through video conference. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public comment will not be taken in person. However, members of the public can monitor the meeting and provide public comment on agenda items through WebEx Events. Visit <https://duluthmn.gov/live-meeting> to access the meeting. The public is also encouraged to submit written comment to mbauer@duluthmn.gov prior to the meeting. Please include "PARKING COMMISSION" in the subject line, and include your name and address and the agenda item you are speaking to. Please note that all public comment is considered Public Data. The public is also encouraged to watch the meeting online or by tuning into Public Access Television, Channel 180.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

- Linda Krug
- Noland Makowsky, Vice President
- Jessica Sterle, President
- Terese Tomanek
- Em Westerlund
- Mark Bauer, Ex Officio

Guests Present

- Jeff Aanenson, Duluth Operations Manager – Interstate Parking Company
- Carl Crawford, Human Rights Officer – City of Duluth
- John Ramos, Investigative Reporter – Duluth Monitor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of November 2021 meeting minutes

Commissioner Terese Tomanek motioned that the October 2021 Special Session meeting minutes be approved as presented. Commissioner Linda Krug seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

ON-STREET ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONE REQUEST

On-street ADA accessible parking zone request

City of Duluth Parking Services Manager Mark Bauer presented an on-street ADA accessible parking zone request for approval. He stated that he had reviewed the request and had consulted with the City of Duluth Commission on Disabilities. Commissioner Em Westerlund motioned that the request, for 30 North 25th Avenue West, be approved. Commission Vice President Noland Makowsky seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

ECOLIBRIUM3 PRESENTATION ON CLIMATE AND TRANSPORTATION

Duluth Citizens' Climate Action Plan presentation on climate and transportation
Brett Cease, with Duluth Citizens' Climate Action Plan, provided a presentation on climate change and how it is affected by the transportation industry.

ESTABLISHMENT OF 2022 PARKING COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Establishment of 2022 Duluth Parking Commission meeting dates
Mr. Bauer presented a proposal that would establish 2022 Duluth Parking Commission meeting dates, which would generally occur on the first Friday of each month of the year. Commissioner Westerlund motioned that the proposed meeting dates be approved. Commissioner Krug seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0.

OFF-STREET PARKING UPDATE

Off-street parking update
Interstate Parking Company Duluth Operations Manager Jeff Aanenson provided an update on off-street parking operations. He presented a visual report on parking ramp usage, noting that usage numbers were generally trending upward. He stated that preparation for the upcoming on- and off-street parking rate changes was in progress and on-schedule. Mr. Aanenson stated that he had heard little feedback regarding the upcoming rate changes thus far. Mr. Bauer stated that updated labels would be created and installed for single-stall parking meters that reflect the new rates and include other current information.

ON-STREET PARKING UPDATE

On-street parking update
Mr. Bauer stated that preparations for the enhanced Snow Emergency response system were largely complete and that the City was ready for the upcoming snow season. Commissioner Westerlund inquired whether Mr. Bauer predicted that there would be an increase in the number of requests for on-street ADA accessible parking zones related to Snow Emergency operations. Mr. Bauer stated that while it was early to predict outcomes, it was possible that that might occur.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments
There were no additional public comments.