

MISSOULA PARKING COMMISSION

Minutes

April 2, 2009

A Board of Directors' meeting was held in the Jack Reidy Conference Room, 140 W. Pine at noon. Those attending the meeting were Board members Rod Austin, Theresa Cox, John Smith, Tom Wilkins, Carol Williams and Anne Guest, Director. Also in attendance were the following: Jim Galipeau, JCCS; and Scott Sproull from Hide and Sole.

I. Call to Order – Tom Wilkins

The meeting was called to order by Board President – Tom Wilkins.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made.

III. Public Comments and Announcements - None

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. March Board meeting held 3-5-09. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board meeting held 3-5-09.

V. Presentations

A. Missoula Downtown Association Out To Lunch Shuttle Bus Service – Kim Murray

Kim began by passing out an information sheet and saying that there are some changes to the Out To Lunch shuttle bus service this year. One thing, costs have gone up for some of the expenses. Fortunately ridership was up significantly last year and they anticipate the same for this year. Blackfoot Communication has already committed to being a major sponsor for this year. The shuttle bus route will be the same as in the years past with a 15 minute headway. Parking Commission will have logo recognition again on the printed materials and the banner. Kim stated that she is asking for \$2,200 which represents a 10% increase from the contribution last year. The Parking Commission has this budgeted in our Transportation Demand Management line. Again, ridership since 1993 has increased each year. The average number of rides per year is approximately 2,000. **The Board approved unanimously to fund \$2,200 for the shuttle bus for Out To Lunch.** Kim stated that she greatly appreciates the Parking Commission's support for this and that it is not taken for granted.

VI. Action Items

A. MDA OTL Request for Funding - see minutes above.

VII. Non-Action Items

A. New Business

B. Old Business

1. Front Street Parking Structure Update

Anne reported that the First Interstate Bank is still negotiating with Macy's for the property at Front and Pattee. Anne filled in the details about the various conditions Macy's had added to the BuySell. We are optimistic that the bank will secure the property. Once this is finalized, the bank will renew conversations with the Holiday Inn for the adjacent property. Certainly there will be details of concern with these negotiations i.e. signage. Ellen Buchanan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency, will be in touch with the bank and will inform the Parking Commission on the status of the sale.

VIII. Director's Report

A. Financial statement – March, 2009

Anne began by complimenting Kathy Lathrop, Parking Commission staff, for getting the monthly financials caught up. There will always be a little lag with the information from the City but that will be minor.

She reported that she has been in touch with other municipal organizations in the northwest and has compared the revenue statistics with them. In general, other organizations have experienced an 8-10% decrease in revenue due to the downfall in the economy. As of February, the overall revenue numbers for the Missoula Parking Commission are up 2% mainly due to an increase in ticket revenue. It will be interesting to see how that compares at the end of the fiscal year.

B. Next meeting date – May 7th (Jack Reidy Conference Room)

IX. Other Business

X. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Anne P. Guest
Director