

**Town of Mansfield Parking Steering Committee for Storrs Center
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
Mansfield Town Hall
Conference Room C**

5:30 PM

Minutes

Members Present: Karla Fox (Chair), Martha Funderburk, Manny Haidous, Ralph Pemberton

Ex-Officio Members Present: Lon Hultgren, Howard Kaufman, and Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Chair Karla Fox called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Fox had no remarks.

3. Update on Parking in Storrs Center (Garage, Lot, on-street, signage) including Communications/Issues

Ms. Fox asked how parking was going in general. Lon Hultgren said that tickets have not been issued by Central Parking for the last few days because of the snow. They will restart ticketing tomorrow or Thursday. He said the only real problem is people parking over the time limits. Mr. Hultgren said people are also parking in the temporary road where no parking is allowed. There are "no parking" signs up on the fence adjacent to the future Phase 1C side and signs were up on the other side adjacent to the town triangle but they are not visible now with the snow.

Manny Haidous arrived.

Cynthia van Zelm said the Partnership is working with LeylandAlliance to see if additional handicapped parking can be put in behind 1 and 9 Dog Lane. Mr. Hultgren said the Traffic Authority also looked at this issue and the narrowness of Dog Lane makes it difficult to put in handicapped spots that need a wider space.

Ms. Fox asked if people were parking in the garage. Mr. Hultgren said people are parking there but not as much at night. Martha Funderburk said that people can park in UConn lots at night but not overnight i.e., in the adjacent Buckley lot between 1 am and 5 am. They could be ticketed. She noted that this is a commuter lot. Ralph Pemberton said that people could probably park overnight in the high school lot.

Mr. Haidous asked if there is notification sent to the public to not park on the roads during storms. Mr. Hultgren said a winter parking ban is in effect and that notice was again emphasized in an e-mail that went out from the Town about the storm.

Mr. Haidous noted that more signage is needed to point people to where the garage is located. Mr. Hultgren and Ms. van Zelm agreed. Mr. Hultgren said the Town is looking into additional signage on the fencing near the temporary road. Ms. van Zelm said the Partnership and Leyland are working on a sign at the driveway near Husky Pizza to point people to the Dog Lane parking lot and Storrs Automotive. There will also be permanent signage at the actual entry to the Dog Lane lot regarding the 2 hour free parking. Mr. Hultgren said the Town is also working with the I-parq system (computerized ticketing system) to ensure that follow-up occurs when someone does not pay their ticket.

With respect to follow-up from the last meeting on notice of the availability of free parking, Ms. van Zelm said that UConn's Daily Digest to faculty and staff will go out on Feb. 14 with information about Storrs Center businesses and the location and availability of free parking at Storrs Center.

Mr. Haidous suggested that businesses include information about free parking when they do ads. Mr. van Zelm will mention at the next tenant meeting.

Mr. Hultgren said that the parking spaces on Storrs Road will be striped and signed in the spring.

4. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2011 and November 13, 2012

Ms. Funderburk made a motion to approve the November 13, 2012 minutes. Mr. Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Pemberton made a motion to approve the December 14, 2011 minutes. Ms. Funderburk seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. Update on Implementation of Cooperative Agreement (Constables, Ticketing)

Ms. van Zelm said that designated employees of E.O. Smith High School, Storrs Commons, and Central Parking have been sworn in as constables. She said that Mr. Ilias Tomazos with the Center for Hellenic Studies does not want to enforce parking through the constable process in his lot at this time. Mr. Haidous indicated that he would like to be trained as a constable.

6. Topics for next meetings

Ms. Fox suggested reviewing Agenda Items 3. and 5. at the next meeting. The next meeting is April 9, 2013 at 5:30 pm.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Ms. Funderburk asked about the status of the letter from Steve Rogers of Subway that was in the Committee packet. He had expressed concern about having more short-term parking near the businesses at the west end of Dog Lane. Howard Kaufman said there is a plan being discussed to provide more short-term parking behind 1 Dog Lane. Discussions are on-going with UConn and the Daily Campus which has spaces near its building.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.