

**Town of Mansfield Parking Steering Committee for Storrs Center  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, August 7, 2013  
Mansfield Town Hall  
Conference Room B**

**5:30 PM**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Karla Fox (Chair), Paul Aho, 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 5:31 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2013**

Ralph Pemberton made a motion to approve the minutes from February 12, 2013. Paul Aho seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**3. Remarks from the Chair**

Ms. Fox asked for a general update on Storrs Center.

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

Lon Hultgren reported that the parking spaces on Storrs Road have now been striped. Central Parking will start enforcing parking on Storrs Road as of Monday, August 12.

Mr. Hultgren said that diagonal parking is planned for Wilbur Cross Way. He said the Town's Traffic Authority is looking for some input about whether to allow people to park there when a) the road only has its first layer of pavement and is still being used heavily by construction vehicles, and b) there are no buildings up yet on Wilbur Cross Way so there is no reason to park there without businesses located there.

Manny Haidous suggested that construction workers be allowed to park there but not the general public. Mr. Hultgren said the spaces could be signed to allow for only construction parking. The Committee agreed with this approach and Mr. Hultgren will convey this recommendation to the Traffic Authority.

Howard Kaufman said the UConn Co-op's second location is scheduled to open in October and will generate additional traffic. Mr. Hultgren said the UConn Health Center will do the same.

Mr. Kaufman said the grocery store is expected to open in mid-2014. The goal is for the adjacent 5,000 square foot building to open with tenants at the same time.

Mr. Kaufman said he had a request from a future tenant in 1 Royce Circle for short term parking on Wilbur Cross Way in front of the building. Mr. Hultgren said he would look at the plans as short term parking may already be planned.

Ms. van Zelm said the parking behind 9 Dog Lane will now be largely 30 minute parking. The Daily Campus spaces will be removed and some placed on the adjacent UConn parking lot.

Ms. van Zelm said that additional handicapped parking has been provided on Storrs Road in front of Dog Lane Café and in front of EO Smith High School. Two additional van accessible spots have been provided in front of the future UConn Co-op space on Royce Circle.

Ms. Fox asked if Peter Pan or Mega Bus will be serving the transportation center. Mr. Hultgren said the center is set up for Peter Pan and they have expressed interest in serving the center but a meeting will need to be set up with them.

## **5. Review of Preliminary Operations Plan for Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center**

Mr. Hultgren and Ms. van Zelm presented a Power Point presentation of a preliminary operations plan for the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center. Mr. Hultgren said the plan is still being discussed and staff is seeking input from various committees.

Mr. Kaufman asked if there would be a charge for bike storage. Mr. Hultgren said the plan is to establish a commuting club whereby members would be charged for storage, bike locker and shower facilities. Access would be by a swipe card.

Mr. Hultgren described the UConn research fellow role in evaluating trends in transit that can be used at the center. Ms. Fox expressed support for the advantages of the research fellow.

Ms. Fox asked if there would be regular bus service between Mansfield and Hartford. Mr. Hultgren said part of the role of the proposed transportation coordinator is to see if this is feasible. Is there a market?

Ms. Fox asked if there will be screens in the center that show various events going on in town and at UConn. Mr. Hultgren said there will be four screens that can be programmed to list events.

Mr. Haidous asked what type of security system will be in place. Mr. Hultgren said the when the center is closed, there will not be access to the restrooms. Currently, there are no cameras planned in the center but this could be reviewed.

Ms. Fox asked if there is a place in the garage where someone can call 911. She is concerned about safety in the garage. Mr. Hultgren said the state trooper recommended security cameras in the center and they were placed there. With cell phones in place, the thinking was that people could access 911 in that manner. Ms. Fox raised whether it was a legal issue with respect to needing to have phones in the garage.

The Committee thanked Mr. Hultgren for his presentation and expressed excitement about the transportation center.

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

Ms. van Zelm said that Rick Robarge, owner of 18 Dog Lane, has signed the cooperative agreement for parking. She will be working to train parking constables that are tenants in 18 Dog Lane.

**7. Topics for next meetings**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 5:30 and will focus on reviewing the Parking Management Plan on its one year anniversary.

**8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36.

*Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.*