

Town of Mansfield Parking Steering Committee for Storrs Center and Meeting of the signatories of the COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT for Parking Enforcement in and adjacent to Storrs Center Development, Mansfield, CT

**Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
23 Royce Circle**

5:00 PM

Minutes

Members Present: Karla Fox (Chair), Dwight Atherton, Manny Haidous, Dennis Stanavage, and Mike Taylor

Ex-Officio Members and Staff Present: John Carrington, Howard Kaufman, Debbie Lastro, and Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Chair Karla Fox called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2016

Mike Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016. Dwight Atherton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Fox said the main objective of the meeting is to review and approve the Cooperative Agreement.

4. Old Business

○ **Review and Approval of Cooperative Parking Agreement**

Cynthia van Zelm reviewed draft changes to the Cooperative Agreement which expires on August 1, 2016.

The Committee discussed continued parking issues at Storrs Commons where customers of Storrs Commons are having difficulty finding places to park because others are using the lot to patronize other businesses downtown.

Mr. Taylor made a motion that employees of Storrs Commons and University Plaza have the ability to purchase spaces in the parking garage. Manny Haidous seconded the motion. Both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Haidous said that if this occurs, they, as property

owners would pay for the parking. After much discussion, Howard Kaufman agreed to be open to the idea but any opening of spots needs to be discretionary. Mr. Taylor, with Mr. Haidous' consent, withdrew his motion.

Ms. Fox noted that the Cooperative Agreement includes Storrs Commons and University Plaza in the defined Storrs Center Development Area which governs the Cooperative Agreement – in other words, employees in Storrs Commons, and University Plaza, among others, would be eligible for employee parking in public parking areas at the employee rate. She encouraged Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Taylor to work together on potential employee parking in the garage and they said they would work together.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve a two year extension of the Cooperative Agreement. Mr. Haidous seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Ms. van Zelm will move forward to have the Agreement executed.

- **Review and Approval of Annual Report**

Ms. Fox made a motion to approve the Annual Report on the Storrs Center Management Plan. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- **Charge for Transportation Advisory Committee**

Ms. Fox noted that Ms. van Zelm had sent the Committee the charge for the Town's Transportation Advisory Committee.

She also noted that Committee members are receiving the Town Transportation Advisory Committee and Traffic Authority agendas from the Town's Dept. of Public Works.

5. New Business

- **Committee Charge and Composition**

Ms. Fox asked Ms. van Zelm to provide a draft of a revised Committee charge and suggestions for composition of the committee for the next meeting, under Old Business.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Next Meeting Date

Ms. Fox said she would like the Committee to continue to meet quarterly. Ms. van Zelm will poll the Committee for a next meeting on July 25 or July 26.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Atherton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Haidous seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.