



COMMITTEE/BOARD INFORMATION

*Members: Members of the City Commission, City staff, business community members and the Police Department.
(Members are not appointed by the City Commission)*

*Meeting Information:
Multiple times throughout the year as needed.*

PARKING COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

For the period January 1 to December 31, 2018

OBJECTIVES

In response to explosive growth and increasing demands for parking, the City of Fort Pierce formed a "Parking Committee." This committee is comprised of members of the City Commission, City staff, the business community, and Police Department to analyze existing parking situations and provide parking recommendations to improve future parking needs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2018, the Parking Committee held five meetings to discuss parking throughout the City. As a result of these meetings, many parking issues were remedied and solutions were developed for future growth.

These solutions include:

- Supported the addition of signs in the area to direct people to park at 301 S Ocean Dr. to alleviate overcrowded parking areas.
- Recommended the creation a temporary parking lot at Jaycee Park.
- Supported the advertisement of an RFP for valet parking in Downtown.
- Recommended the future creation of a loading zone on Orange Avenue (in front of Roslow's).
- Recommended a vendor parking at South Causeway and Jaycee Park.
- Suggested the acquisition of a tram to use Downtown to alleviate parking congestion.

These are a few items the Parking Committee has addressed, worked on, and found solutions for in 2018.

Parking Committee Meeting Notes 3/28/2018

Agenda Item # 1: Bike Share Program Update- R. Grohall

- Director of Planning, Rebecca Grohall gave an overview of the new Bike Share Program and its locations.
- The Bike Share Program has been well received by the public and has growth potential.

Agenda Item # 2: Jetty Beach Parking Update – M. Reals

- Public Works Director, Mike Reals gave an overview on the parking at Jetty Beach.
- 301 S Ocean Dr. is being heavily utilized on the weekends.
- More signs will be added in the area to direct people to park at 301 S Ocean Dr.
- Marketing options will be utilized to inform the public on parking at 301 S Ocean Dr.

Agenda Item # 3: Parking Garage Video Surveillance Update – D. Johnson

- Network Administrator, John Wolfhagen provided an overview of the planned video surveillance implementation in the Parking Garage.
- Anticipated installation is within 90 days.

Agenda Item # 4: Downtown Library Parking Update – J. Andrews

- City Engineer, Jack Andrews delivered an update on the Downtown Library Parking.
- No parking spaces have been removed to construct the new bathrooms behind the Library.
- The parking lot is currently labeled as unrestricted and does not fall under 2-hr parking limits.
- The City is not in violation of the Interlocal Agreement with St. Lucie County.

Agenda Item # 5: 2hr Parking in Downtown – S. Dunn

- Business Owner, Staci Dunn expressed discontent with the 2-hr parking enforcement on Orange Avenue.
- She stated she has received multiple tickets for parking longer than 2 hours in front of her shop (Cake Lady).
- The Parking Committee discussed possible solutions to 2-hr parking issues for Downtown business owners.
 1. Possibly added a loading zone on Orange Avenue. (Time Restricted)
 2. Possibly granting an extended time parking permit.
 3. City Staff shall explore options, cost and solutions for Downtown business owners.

Discussion on Valet Parking – Parking Committee

- The concept of valet parking was discussed for the Downtown area and was well received by the Parking Committee.
- The possibility of leasing the City Parking Garage to accommodate valet parking will be discussed more in the future.

Parking Committee Meeting Notes 5/2/2018

Agenda Item # 1: Beach Parking Sign Installation Update

- Public Works Director, Mike Reals gave an overview of beach parking signs and their locations around 301 S. Ocean Dr.
- Temporary signs have been placed and permanent signs will be installed within the next few weeks.

Agenda Item # 2: Downtown Parking Update

- City Staff will get feedback from local business owners regarding the effectiveness of 2hr parking in the downtown area.
- Enforcing the loading zone restrictions on Avenue A, has been initiated by the Code Enforcement Department.
- RFP to be advertised for possible valet parking along Orange Ave. east of 2nd Street.

Agenda Item # 3: Jayce Park Parking Discussion

- After much discussion, the Parking Committee recommended removing the "No Parking" sign in the area of Jaycee Park that has been historically used for over flow parking.
- The sign will be removed immediately.

Agenda Item # 4: Vendor Parking at South Causeway Park & Jaycee Park

- The City's exclusive vendor has been encountering issues with parking.
- After much discussion, it was decided that designated vendor parking areas will be established.

Parking Committee Meeting Notes 6/20/2018

Agenda Item # 1: Beach Parking Sign Update – M. Reals

- Signs have been installed around beach parking areas at Jetty, S. Ocean and St. Lucie Court.
- The Towing sign will be pulled from 301 S. Ocean Drive but the No Overnight Parking sign will remain.

Agenda Item # 2: Downtown Parking Update –J. Sweat

- Downtown Businesses stated they would like a loading zone on Orange Ave.
- Staff will look into loading zone options.
- A possible probationary period will be given to see how loading zone is utilized and received.

Agenda Item # 3: Jayce Park Parking Discussion- F. Amandro

- The No Parking sign has been removed from the overflow parking area.
- City Engineer, Jack Andrews proposed a possible solution to alleviate parking issues will a temporary lot.
- Staff will move forward with the proposed temporary lot by the City Engineer.

Agenda Item # 4: Vendor Parking at South Causeway Park & Jaycee Park ☐ M. Reals

- Designated spots have been assigned for vendor parking at South Causeway and Jaycee Park.
- Overnight parking and/or staging of materials will not be allowed for vendors in parking areas.

Parking Committee Meeting Notes 8/22/2018

Agenda Item # 1: South Beach Meeting Wrap-up – N. Mimms

- SB Businesses would like more parking in the area.
- Paid parking was mentioned as a possible option/solution.

Agenda Item # 2: Jayce Park Parking Discussion- N. Mimms

- Parking signage is good at Jaycee Park.
- There is ample parking at this location.
- PW will begin working on the proposed parking lot within the next 30 days.

Agenda Item # 3: Temporary Beach Parking Locations – N. Mimms

- Would like to know which property would be best for temporary parking lot.
- Would like a proposed plan from S. Weaver for 222 S. Ocean Dr.
- Would like a long-term lease.
- Free parking sign needs to be painted on building located at 301 S. Ocean Dr.

Agenda Item # 4: Valet Parking Update –J. Sweat

- Item is going out for proposal.
- RFP will be completed in September and will be advertised to the public.

Notes:

- Food for fines is a possibility. Do we have all the logistics worked out to implement?
- Public Works is moving forward with purchasing a tram.

Parking Committee Meeting Notes 12/12/2018

Agenda Item # 1: Valet Parking Update – N. Mimms

- Work with a vendor on a short-term basis. (One year)
- The bid process did not produce respondents so a license agreement will be sufficient.
- Areas have been identified for valet parking in the downtown area.

Agenda Item # 2: Beach Parking Update – M. Reals

- Parking at the beach has been working lately.
- Public Works has not received any complaints lately.
- Signage is good and seems to be adequate for now.
- 222 S. Ocean Drive is a no go for future parking at this time.

Agenda Item # 3: Tram Update – M. Reals

- The tram has arrived!
- A wrap will be put on the tram.
- The tram will be register shortly and drivers will be trained.
- A route will be established that is safe/ADA compliant.
- The tram will be operational in 2-3 weeks.
- There will be a possible on demand service, options will be looked at.

Agenda Item # 4: Jaycee Park Parking Update – M. Reals

- Temporary parking improvements have been completed and are operational.

Agenda Item # 4: Asta Parking Lot Update – R. Grohall

- Lot is now open!
- Area around Asta to be patrolled to alleviate illegal parking.
- Possibly invite owner of Asta parking to a parking committee meeting.

Notes:

- Work will be done in the evenings in the city hall parking garage.
- Hopefully work will be completed in the parking garage in February.
- MLK park is having a new parking area constructed with a wall of remembrance being added.