

**MINUTES OF  
LAFAYETTE PARKING COMMISSION  
April 19, 2021  
11:00am  
Lafayette City Council Chamber**

**Attendance**

**Commissioners:** Ken McCammon, Andrew Muffett, Cindy Murray, T.J. Thieme, Scott Trzaskus

**Ex-Officio Members:** John Collier, Assistant Director, Economic Development; Sgt. Scott Anderson, Representative from Traffic Commission

**Staff:** Jacque Chosnek, City Attorney; Billy Emerson, Parking Operations; John Withers, Parking Operations; Nick Standerfer, City Traffic Foreman; Dave Griffee, Assistant Director of Public Works; Jeromy Grenard, City Engineer; Jon Miner, Parks Department; Richard Doyle, Lafayette Fire Department Chief; Dennis Carson, Economic Development Director; Michelle Conwell, Economic Development

**Guests:** Mindy Holt, John Mize and Jeremy Terry, residents of Pearl Apartments; Harry Mohler, owner of Pearl Apartments; Julia LaLopa and Megan Rogers, Blüm Hair Studios; Amy Austin, IN Space LLC; Jonathan McGregor, Revolution BBQ; John Nagy, TBIRD Design Services; Pat Jarboe, TBIRD Design Services; Michelle Wise, downtown business owner

**Call To Order**

Andrew Muffett, President, noted that a quorum was present and opened the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission at 11:00 a.m.

**Approve Meeting Minutes**

T.J. Thieme moved to approve the January 25, 2021 Parking Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Scott Trzaskus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

***Petition to maintain one handicap parking space near 1312 Elizabeth Street-*** John Collier spoke on behalf of the request by resident and petitioner, Carlena Cambridge, to maintain the existing handicap parking space near her residence at 1312 Elizabeth Street. Ken McCammon moved to approve, T.J. Thieme seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

***Petition to install one handicap parking space adjacent to 1115 N. 12th Street*** -John Collier spoke on behalf of the petitioner, Nicole Hubbard of Child Adult Resource Services, for installation of a handicapped parking space near 1115 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. T.J. Thieme moved to approve, Cindy Murray seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

***Petition to install one handicap parking space adjacent to 601 S. 10th Street*** -John Collier spoke on behalf of the petitioner, Cheryl Scott, for installation of a handicapped parking space near her residence at 601 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. T.J. Thieme moved to approve, Ken McCammon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

***Petition to remove the existing No Parking enforcement zone on both sides of Roberts Street west of N. 9th Street and replace with on-street parallel parking-*** Amy Austin, Business Manager for In Space LLC and More Space LLC located at 820 Roberts Street made the request on behalf of the owners to remove the No Parking Zone and replace with on-street parallel parking. Their intention is to make improvements to the property including development of a small parking lot where a portion of the building was demolished, but it will take

time. In the meantime, they are left without nearby parking. T.J. Thieme asked why the street was marked with yellow curbing; John Collier believes that this was left over from when Lafayette Venetian Blind owned the facility. No objections were received from adjacent property owners. Ken McCammon moved to approve, T.J. Thieme seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

***Petition to eliminate the 2-hour enforcement zone on the west side of N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street between the alleys north and south of Main Street*** - John Collier spoke on behalf of the petitioner, Alicia Dunbar, business owner of Retail Therapy 1005 Main Street. Alicia believes that the removal of the enforcement zone would allow residents and business owners to have parking available off of Main Street. Five nearby property and/or business owners submitted letters via email prior to the meeting stating their opposition to this request. Letters were received from David Kurtz of 1022 Main St., Randy Ross of Randy Ross Custom Framing, Patrick S. Jarboe of Bearing Point Development LLC, Tim Balensiefer of TBIRD Design Services Corp., and Scott Trzaskus of East End Grill and Ripple & Co. Copies of the letters received were forwarded to the Parking Commissioners electronically prior to the meeting and hard copies were included in their meeting packets. Megan Rogers and Julia LaLopa of Blüm Hair Studio spoke in support of petition, stating that many of her employees and customers would be in the salon for more than 2 hours. Scott Trzaskus spoke as a business owner (East End Grill) stating that keeping the 2-hour enforcement zone would encourage turn-over for his customers as well as other businesses in the area, which he sees as a positive thing, so he opposes the petition. The concern is that residents who live in the area would park and leave their cars for an extended period making it more difficult for customers to find convenient parking. John Nagy of TBIRD Design Services spoke against the petition for the same reasons stated above. Parking Commission members T.J. Thieme and Scott Trzaskus both abstained from voting on this petition because they both own a business or property in the area. Cindy Murray moved to deny the petition, Ken McCammon seconded and the motion to deny passed.

***Petition to make temporary changes to on-street parking on Columbia, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and South Streets for the duration of the Lafayette Public Safety Building & Parking Garage construction (May 2021-approx. April 2023)*** John Collier presented the petition on behalf of the City of Lafayette. Several comments and questions were raised by members of the public in attendance at the meeting including from Harry Mohler who inquired about access to parking for residents of Pearl Apartments, resident parking permits and whether the bus stop on the south side of South Street would limit travel to one lane. John Mize, a resident of Pearl Apartments also expressed concern about access to parking. Mr. Collier responded that the bus stop will remain in its current location but will be in the travel lane and Dennis Carson stated that access to the parking lot for Pearl Apartments off of 6<sup>th</sup> Street will not be impeded and that parking permits for those directly impacted will be available soon. Jos Holman, County Librarian for the Tippecanoe County Public Library, asked if on-street parking on the south side of South Street east of 7<sup>th</sup> Street would be modified to accommodate the transition of travel lanes. He also asked where the construction workers would park stating that the Library's parking lot is not available for their use. Jeromy Grenard clarified that pavement markings will be changed to mark the short transition of travel lanes past 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Collier clarified that contractor parking would be off-site. Michelle Wise, a business owner on Main Street, asked if removal of on-street parking was absolutely necessary to accommodate the construction and asked what was being done about the businesses impacted by the removal of parking during construction. Mr. Collier stated that use of portions of the street was necessary to accommodate construction staging because of the size of the building on the site. He acknowledged that parking would be inconvenient during construction but that each business adjacent to the project had been notified in-person or via letter about the parking restrictions. He reminded everyone that upon completion of construction a 450-space parking garage would be on this site. Ken McCammon asked if existing nearby surface parking behind Frontier could be used during construction. John Collier stated that much of that lot is fenced off for construction staging for the 631 Main Street project and much of Central Presbyterian's lot is being used by Valley Oaks staff. Scott Trzaskus asked who the property owners should go to if there is an issue or concern. John Collier responded that the contractors (Kettelhut and Wilhelm) will be the contacts and the property owners have been given their contact information. The construction office will be housed in the former Tempest Homes Building at 7<sup>th</sup> and South Streets. Both Mr. Holman and Mr. Mohler expressed concerns related to traffic on South Street and Mr. Holman asked if the current parking garage could offer free parking during the construction period, both issues were noted, but neither is within the purview of the Parking Commission to address. Cindy Murray asked about the current parking situation in the Parking Garage and John Withers

responded that it is currently at about 85% capacity, but that will increase once the lot north of City Hall closes for the construction project. He reminded everyone that parking in the garage is free on nights and weekends. T.J. Thieme moved to approve the temporary changes, Ken McCammon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

***Petition to restrict parking on the east side of Breckenridge Lane north of Elston Road to accommodate adequate clearance for emergency vehicle access-*** John Miner of the Lafayette Parks Department presented the petition on behalf of the City of Lafayette to restrict parking on Breckenridge Lane near the entrance to Crosser Sports Complex to accommodate safe access for emergency vehicles. Chief Doyle also spoke in support of the petition. A photo showing the tight condition was included with the petition. Ken McCammon moved to approve, Scott Trzaskus seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Parking Operations Report**

John Withers reported that revenue is bouncing back from 2020.

The garage capacity is currently at 85%.

Parking space numbers have been painted in the parking garage.

Parking Operations will assist with staff parking during the construction of the Public Safety Building.

T.J. Thieme moved to approve the Parking Operations report, Ken McCammon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Director's Report**

John Collier reviewed the 2021 Handicap Parking inventory report. He reported that all but two individuals have replied that they still need their designated parking spaces. One of the individuals has never replied, but John always sees a vehicle in the space so assumes the designation is still needed. John will continue to follow up with the remaining individual.

John also announced that the City Council recently approved an ordinance to establish a new section in the city code that allows a business to pursue a license to install temporary on-street dining and gathering areas, called "streateries and parklets," that would be placed in the parking lane adjacent to the requesting business. John gave an overview of the process and the associated design standards. There are currently two requests for streateries and a special Parking Commission meeting will be scheduled in the near future to review those applications. John will send a copy of the design standards to the Commissioners with the special meeting agenda. T.J. Thieme moved to approve, Scott Trzaskus seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment & Adjournment**

President Muffett asked for comments from the public. There were no additional comments received other than those referenced in the minutes above. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission was adjourned at 11:52am.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Conwell for the Secretary*

Signed,

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Cindy Murray, Secretary, Lafayette Parking Commission