

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010**

Having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act No. 84 of 1986, a regular meeting of the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh was held on November 18, 2010 at 10:16 a.m., 232 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1616. The following Board members were present at the start of the meeting: Natalia Rudiak, Christopher D'Addario, and Scott Kunka. Present from staff were: David Onorato, Christopher Speers, Patricia Konesky, Janet Staab and James Wilson. Also present were Bill Stewart of Strategic Communications, and Joe Smydo of The Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

Mr. Kunka read aloud a letter of resignation from Mr. Jasper who wrote that, beginning immediately, he will no longer be a member of the Parking Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Kunka thanked Mr. Jasper for his years of service and stated that he will be missed. Mr. Onorato stated that he would supply a copy of Mr. Jasper's resignation letter should other Board Members like to have one.

Mr. Kunka asked if a Board Member would like to take the responsibility of reading the resolutions at Board meetings until Mr. Jasper's vacated position is filled. Mr. D'Addario volunteered to do so.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Kunka asked for comments or questions. There were none.

Mr. Kunka asked for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 18, 2010.

Upon motion by Mr. D'Addario and seconded by Ms. Rudiak the minutes were approved as follows: Ms. Rudiak; yes, Mr. D'Addario; yes; Mr. Kunka, yes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Kunka asked for public comments.

There were none.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF DECEMBER 2010, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REGULARLY SCHEUDLED PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES FOR 2011,** was read by Mr. D'Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Kunka advised that the 2011 meetings would continue to be held at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month, with each month's dates listed in the resolution. He said adjustments would be made if necessary as the month's progress.

Mr. Kunka asked if there were any additional questions.

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Rudiak and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, Resolution No. 52 of 2010 was approved as follows: Ms. Rudiak; yes, Mr. D'Addario; yes, Mr. Kunka, yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF DECEMBER 2010, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO NATHAN CONTRACTING FOR THE ROTUNDA SLAB REPAIRS AT THE SMITHFIELD LIBERTY PARKING GARAGE,** was read by Mr. D'Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that this payment was for the work necessary to correct a tripping hazard in the garage's rotunda area. He advised that the work included one change order and has been completed to the Authority's satisfaction. Mr. Onorato advised that with the change order, Nathan Contracting achieved 12-percent MBE participation through its awards to subcontractors.

Mr. Kunka asked if there were any additional questions.

Upon motion by Ms. Rudiak and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, Resolution No. 53 of 2010 was approved as follows: Ms. Rudiak; yes, Mr. D'Addario; yes, Mr. Kunka, yes.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Onorato advised that flooding of the Mon Wharf resulted in three full days of closure and nine days of partial closure. He advised that the spaces along the park wall remain closed due to heavy mud and said that once the weather permits, we will be able to clean those spaces and return them to service.

Mr. Kunka asked the amount of lost revenue.

Mr. Onorato advised that revenues at the Mon Wharf average \$4,000.00 per day and said we are currently under that daily total by about \$700 to \$725.

Mr. Kunka asked for verification that the Parking Authority does not own the Mon Wharf.

Mr. Onorato explained the ownership status by stating that the State owns the Mon Wharf and leases it to the City.

Mr. Kunka asked if the Parking Authority was liable if a vehicle was left at the Wharf and flooding caused it to be damaged

Mr. Onorato stated that the damage is not our responsibility but the responsibility of the owner's insurance provider. He stated that in the past, the Parking Authority has been proactive in removing vehicles to avoid flood damage. He stated that with the current weather prediction technology, the Wharf is closed well in advance of flooding and the media and patrons are notified of the closing schedule.

Mr. D'Addario asked if opening the Wharf before the entire area has been entirely cleared affects the amount of spaces available.

Mr. Onorato responded that opening before the entire area is cleaned does sometimes limit the amount of spaces available. He reported that the flooding that occurred recently has prevented parking in approximately 90 spaces due to the mud and debris remaining along the planter wall. Mr. Onorato stated that since last year's installation of the new park, the clean-up efforts have become more difficult. He advised that the Public Works Department assists with heavy equipment and front loaders to lift the debris over the planter wall, which serves to slow the process. He noted that in the past, only a flusher was needed for the clean-up work.

Mr. Onorato advised that last year the Mon Wharf was closed a total of nine full days and five partial days due to flooding.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that the ParkPgh program, which was discussed in detail at last month's meeting, was publically announced yesterday. He reminded the Board that this is an online program which can be downloaded as an app on a handheld device to track real-time parking space availability. He advised that several of our garages, as well as others in the Cultural District, are participating in the program.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kunka asked if there was any old or new business.


There was none.

Mr. Onorato wished the Board and all present a happy holiday.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rudiak and seconded by Mr. D'Addario the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

**APPROVED TO CONTENT**

  
Chairman

**ACCEPTED FOR FILING IN THE AUTHORITY'S BOOK OF MINUTES**

  
Approval