



South Orange Parking Authority

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OPEN MINUTES

April 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the South Orange Parking Authority was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 via Zoom conference call. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bromfeld at 7:02pm.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Roll call was taken.

Present: Chairman Bromfeld, Commissioners Agnellino, Borden, Sandow and Siskind.

Also Present: Mark Hartwyk (ED), SOPA Counsel Greg Busch, Neva Rodriguez, and Trustee Schnall.

Financials: All financial reports were forwarded to the Treasurer and the Board members in advance of this meeting. The ED gave the cash position as of April 18, 2023, for the SOPA accounts \$257,735. and NJ Transit \$542,855.

Approval of Checks: A motion was made by Commissioner Borden and seconded by Commissioner Agnellino to approve three ACH payments and SOPA checks #2158-2167 totaling \$10,653.41, all were in favor. No Transit checks

Resolution Adopting Open Minutes for March 21, 2023: A motion was made by Commissioner Agnellino and seconded by Commissioner Borden to approve, all were in favor.

Legal: No legal issues to discuss.

Public Comment: Trustee Schnall thanked the Board for their kindness and generosity and his time on the Board as this will be his last meeting. Chairman Bromfeld on behalf of everyone thanked Trustee Schnall for his many years of service to the South Orange community and the SOPA.

Commissioner Sandow and Commissioner Agnellino thanked Trustee Schnall as well for his service as well as wishing him good luck

Updates: The Ed asked the Board to refer to the email he sent everyone in regards to the proposed meter rate increase chart. The recommendation is to increase the rate to 50 cents for 30 minutes and \$1.00 per hour for parking. In that same email was a recommendation to adjust the time limits as well. However, the ED wanted the Board to focus on the meter rates first. An open discussion among the Board and the ED laid out questions and concerns that the Board had regarding the rate increase. After a lengthy discussion of both the rates and the times the Board decided to carry the discussion to the May meeting.

Lot Re-Striping- The ED informed the Board of four locations already scheduled for restriping weather permitting. The Sloan St., Firehouse, Scotland Road and the NJ Transit lot.

Meter Painting- The ED had an idea to he wanted to share with the Board, it's a beautification art project. As the Board is aware the ED does a lot of this type of work with the Downtown South Orange group. He has researched some ideas online for artistic painted street meters and encouraged the Board to look this up on line as well. The ED stated that this is a good way to build community relationships with the Authority. The idea is approach the Colombia HS art department and the Seton Hall art department to see if they would be interested in artistically painting the individual meters on Sloan St on both sides. Chairman Bromfeld loved the idea, the Chairman stated he would like to help with the specs on this project as he just finished assisting someone with a similar project at his company. The ED and Chairman stated there are a lot of interesting images out there and feels it could be done in a nice way. The ED stated that if the school art department idea didn't work out the project could be RFP'd out to the general art community with specs and a budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Agnellino and seconded by Commissioner Agnellino to go out of Open Session into Closed Session at 7:52pm, all were in favor.

*There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Agnellino seconded by Commissioner Borden, all were in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.*



APPROVED