

## DOWNTOWN PARKING MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

April 29, 2025

12:30PM – 1:30PM

TEAMS Meeting (Meeting #24)

**Board members present:** Chuck Hall, Sarah Vining, Chris Herrmann, Michael Goodner, Clarence Barrineau III (“Tripp”)

**Board members absent:** Frank Marshall (Secretary/Treasurer) and Josiah Blevins

**City staff present:** Cindi Howard, Rusty Yaple, Leigh Welch, Rob Ruth

- 1) At 12:36pm, the meeting was called to order.
- 2) Sarah Vining made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2024 meeting as presented. Chuck Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Rusty Yaple welcomed new member, Chris Herrmann, and noted that Mr. Herrmann is the Transportation Planner for the City of Rock Hill.
- 4) Leigh Welch (Asset Management Coordinator, General Services) presented the financial report for the month ending March 2025. Ms. Welch noted that in FY25, the monthly revenue average is \$3242 compared to \$11,813 in FY24 and the monthly expenses average \$9338 compared to \$17,755 in FY24.
- 5) New Business
  - a. University Center PARCS Program
    - i. Inventory/Operational Capacity
      1. Rusty Yaple noted that occupancy counters are operational in Decks A and B to guide attendees to available parking spaces and stated that the private Lowenstein deck also has an occupancy counter. Mr. Yaple stated that volleyball events account for the highest volume of parking with the current trend averaging +/-400 spaces remaining during events except for a small number of events that had only 19-50 parking spaces remaining. Mr. Yaple went on to note that staff forecasts a shortage of parking in University Center (UC) once the Field House is completed in January 2026. It is estimated that approximately 400 additional parking spaces will be needed for this facility.

Mr. Herrmann inquired about the parking data and Mr. Yaple noted that the parking data includes only Decks A and B. Discussion continued regarding offsite parking availability and options, onsite UC parking, parking information availability to event attendees and the future Thread parking deck.
    - ii. UC Deck B Condo Association
      1. Rob Ruth stated the taxes were filed for the UC Deck B Condo Association. Additionally, Mr. Ruth noted that a maintenance plan is being finalized for all parking decks, Empire Pizza is now open in Deck B, and fencing has been installed to denote private and public access areas.

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Cindi Howard added that staff are developing a budget for the condo association which consists of three units: Retail, Parking and Transit.

### iii. Existing/Temporary Agreements in University Center

1. Rob Ruth stated that there are two existing parking license agreements with Lowenstein and the Cambria hotel, and a license agreement is anticipated with the completion of The Gathering student housing. Mr. Ruth went on to note that although the Power House has an executed license agreement, they have not given notice to activate the agreement but instead utilize the private parking lot in front of the building.

Mr. Herrmann inquired about the future of the green space in front of the Power House and Mr. Ruth explained that the developers plan to use the private parking lot once the parcel is developed.

### iv. No Overnight Parking Signage

1. Rusty Yaple stated that due to complaints of overnight parking, “No Overnight Parking” signage has been placed at Decks A & B. Mr. Yaple noted that overnight parking has increased, and enforcement ceased due to the decommissioning of the license plate recognition system. Discussion followed regarding the reduction in parking staff and the use of the free public decks by UC tenants instead of the paid private decks. Cindi Howard noted that parking staff are compiling information as complaints are received.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Herrmann both inquired about the definition of overnight parking and current procedures to address the violation. Mr. Yaple explained that staff work with the Police Department on a case-by-case basis. Discussion also included the existing City ordinance and the need for future discussion by the Commission related to recommendations for amending the ordinance as it relates to overnight parking.

## 6) Adjourn

- a. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **1:25 PM**.