



City of Houston
Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2014

Attendees:
Phyllis Thomason
Monica Savino
Keith Edgar
Rick Molina
Bryan White
Benjamin Levit

Ex-officios:
Maria Irshad, ARA
James Koski, MYR
Jeff Weatherford, PWE
Officer Robert Steffen, HPD

Agenda Items:	Action Taken
Public Comments	No public comments
Approval of Minutes	The February 11, 2014 minutes were approved
Financial Model and Recommendations	<p>From day one of the program, the city is earning revenue based on expired meter citations. Parking, valet, and quality of life complaints are down. Over a ten-year period under the current model, the city would earn 100% of the citation revenue from expired meters and the district will spend ten years paying the expense. This was not the intent of the Parking Benefit District.</p> <p>Parking Management is recommending assuming a portion of the expenses associated with the district, which would be consistent with all other metered areas. They are also recommending the net</p>

	<p>threshold for projects be reduced to \$100,000 from \$250,000.</p> <p>At this time, the program has not met the initial projections for parking space occupancy due to the availability of free parking in the neighborhoods and the lack of daytime use. The program is profitable and has addressed neighborhood concerns.</p>
Sales Tax Receipt Reports	<p>Sales tax receipts in 2013 were \$62,000. In 2014, March, they were \$78,000 or a 26% increase. The State Comptroller's change in reporting mixed beverage receipts in 2014 does not produce an accurate comparison to 2013.</p>
Houston Arts Alliance Project	<p>The installation will now use LED lighting and a steel armature. It will resemble a tree at night. The design is being reviewed by the meter vendor to ensure that it does not compromise the operation or warranty.</p>
Committee Member Comments	<p>Monica Savio motioned to recommend to Mayor Parker and the City Council to modify the Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District Ordinance. First, that a percentage of the total administrative cost to be paid from the Parking Management Special Revenue Fund instead of being paid fully by the district. Second, to reduce the threshold of net revenue for project initiation from the original \$250,000 to a revised \$100,000. Motion was seconded by Keith Edgar. The motion passed unanimously</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.</p>