



**Planning and Zoning Commission
May 12, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
City of Bisbee Council Chambers
915 S. Tovreaville Road, Bisbee, AZ 85603**

Action Agenda

5:30 pm Called to Order

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent	Excused
Michael Ablin		X	
John Balas	X		
David Cobb	X		
Douglas Dunn, Chair	X		
Sandra Heusman	X		
Nancy Parana, Vice Chair	X		
Michael Schmitzer	X		
Mel Sowid- Council Liaison			X
Doug Taylor, Staff Liaison	X		

Agenda Item 1.

**Review and Discussion regarding Preliminary Old Bisbee Parking Proposal.
Judy Anderson / Doug Taylor**

Potential Parking Actions to be considered first and implemented in the near future (do we want to set some viable time frames after consulting with Public Works?).

1. Restripe
 - a. Perhaps gain 40 additional spaces with by shortening spaces from 22 feet to 18 feet.
 - b. Opportunity to clearly mark safe circulation patterns.
 - c. Opportunity to provide legally required and clearly mark disabled spaces.
2. Approach owners of vacant private lots to encourage using these lots for paid public parking.
 - a. An opportunity for owners to monetize their lots.
 - b. Suggested lots: Central School, lot near Castle Rock, Catholic Church.
 - c. Signed to indicate times when lots are closed because they are needed for events such as church services, or art openings.

3. Investigate creating a public parking lot on City-owned lot behind the swimming pool by Higgins Hill.
 - a. This site is near an area with four restaurants and not a long walk to downtown shops on Main Street, Brewery Gulch, Subway and Naco Road.
 - b. Effective signing would be required as this site is not visible from a main road.
4. Work with ADOT to create parking areas in vacant lots below the mine tour.
 - a. Will need to be engineered to address conflicts with through traffic and ensure pedestrian safety.
 - b. This area could be designed and landscaped to highlight this area entrance as an attractive gateway to Bisbee.
5. Create an overall map that clearly designates parking areas.
 - a. This map would need to be placed where a visitor could pull out of traffic to study it.

Longer term actions discussed that have potential but need further discussion and funding.

1. Enforcement was extensively discussed.
 - a. The cost to hire an enforcement officer is currently prohibitive.
 - b. One commissioner suggested that fines collected could pay for an officer. Such funds, however, are currently paid to the County until and if Bisbee has its own magistrate.
 - c. Generally, Commissioners felt that issuing tickets did not reflect the spirit of Bisbee.
2. Purchase of private lots from Freeport and other owners.
 - a. Suggested lots: Denn Mine site; Pit lot, Behind Lowell along Highway 80.
 - i. An expensive option and would need to find a funding source.
 - ii. To be effective for Old Bisbee, a regular shuttle is necessary.
 - b. Purchase and upgrade the Convention Center Lot (not sure what this achieves since it is already used for parking at a reasonable rate. Perhaps, to make it more attractive since is at the gateway to Bisbee and to prevent it from changing use.)
 - i. Again, need to find a funding source
 - c. Use kiosks on larger lots with a sticker system to allow free parking for residents.
 - i. Use an honor system rather than enforcement. Even if only a portion of visitors pay, the City gains additional funds to use to purchase or maintain parking.
 - d. Create a shuttle system to shuttle system from larger lots to Old Bisbee and also to introduce visitors to other historic neighbors.
 - i. Would need to find a funding source. The charge for visitors might cover the cost.
 - ii. Competes with an existing tour company. It couldn't be used in parts of Old Bisbee with narrow streets.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:17PM