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From: Kovac, Nik
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Lee, Chris
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: Conversation Follow Up - Prospect Parking Garage

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From: Kovac, Nik <nkovac@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Perez, Jose <JoseG.Perez@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: Conversation Follow Up - Prospect Parking Garage

Mr. Chair,

Please add this to file for item #1 this morning.

Thank you for holding this during the last cycle. As you can read below, that gave us time to work out many outstanding issues and create a plan moving forward for public parking access to the parking on this medical complex.

I hope this item can move forward today.

Nik

From: Kovac, Nik <nkovac@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Elizabeth Cliffe <elizabeth.cliffe@ascension.org>; Liz Brodek <director@theeastside.org>
Cc: Andrew Harlos <andrew.harlos@ascension.org>; Collins, Aaron <aaron.collins@medxcelfm.com>; Kelly Elkins <kelly.elkins@ascension.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Conversation Follow Up - Prospect Parking Garage

Elizabeth and CSM team,

Thank you for taking the time to talk yesterday and for this followup email.

It accurately reflects our conversation.

The expanded hours allowing business patrons to begin parking at 5pm and leave by 6:30am is very welcome and we appreciate that you can implement that by the middle of next week. I would also like to confirm your observation that the BID and the City are willing to reconsider those hours if they cause safety or access concerns for your patients.

Moving the vinyl sign to a more visible location and installing new signage visible from other access routes is a priority, and we look forward to the update your facilities team will provide for us next week on that.

I will forward this to the zoning committee and ask that it made part of the record as the design changes for Parking Garage A hopefully move forward this morning.

Thanks again for your flexibility so far and for your continued efforts to support the business district.

Nik

From: Elizabeth Cliffe <elizabeth.cliffe@ascension.org>

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 6:46 PM

To: Liz Brodek <director@theeastside.org>

Cc: Andrew Harlos <andrew.harlos@ascension.org>; Collins, Aaron <aaron.collins@medxcelfm.com>; Kelly Elkins <kelly.elkins@ascension.org>; Kovac, Nik <nkovac@milwaukee.gov>

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Thanks Liz. Happy to get an additional call together to discuss. Given the timing, we can get a call together yet this week.

As this was not discussed today, I trust our agreement to continue discussions will be taken as good faith effort.

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 6:39 PM Liz Brodek <director@theeastside.org> wrote:

Thank you for this, Elizabeth. I realized right after we got off the phone that we did not discuss extended hours on weekends, which seems like an easier extension on hours given the clinic's operations. What are current weekend operating hours, and how might those be extended?

Thank you again,
Liz

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 6:33 PM Elizabeth Cliffe <elizabeth.cliffe@ascension.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Alderman Kovac and Liz-

Thank you for taking the time to talk with us today. We appreciate your time.

Following up on our conversation, you requested that Ascension to consider extending public parking availability at the Prospect Medical Commons parking garage. With the understanding that Ascension Medical Group clinics do offer extended appointments and urgent/walk in care until 7pm on weeknights, Ascension is willing to make public parking available between the hours of 5:00 pm and 6:30 am Monday through Friday at the Prospect Medical Commons Parking Garage. All three parties on the phone agreed that the extension could be reevaluated if public access created safety concerns or limited the ability of patients to access the lot for patient care purposes. We appreciate that the BID offered to have it be a temporary extension and Ascension is open to discussing that further as we negotiate a formal agreement. We are hopeful that the extended hours will benefit the local businesses while supporting our patients. Ascension sincerely appreciates the acknowledgement from all parties that safety is a priority and the openness to reevaluate the hours if needed. As a good-faith effort, Ascension will request that our facilities team take the steps necessary to update the electronic sign by June 17. In the event we encounter any issues that limit our ability to make the updates, we will provide an update to both of you.

You also shared a request to relocate existing vinyl signage and increase signage for the public parking. Ascension shares your desire for a vibrant and thriving business district near the hospital. To support access to the business district, Ascension's facility team will review the following:

1. Is there an ability to move the current vinyl signage to a more visible position and
2. Additional signage options to increase awareness.

Our facilities team will provide an update by June 17, 2020.

During the call, the BID and Ascension agreed to work collaboratively towards formalizing our mutual agreements in writing because prior agreements have expired. Ascension and the BID further agreed to discuss and negotiate, as part of the terms of a final agreement, potential cost sharing methods for additional signage. The BID will take the lead on creating the first draft of the agreement which will ultimately be negotiated between legal counsel for Ascension and the BID.

Thank you again for taking the time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us any time if we can be of service.

Elizabeth is available via cell at: 262.424.2936.

Best Regards -
Elizabeth

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