RV Storage Lot Committee Report for December 11, 2023

I. Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. Committee members attending: Forrest McClure (chair), Glen Riggs, Lee Nicholson, Lynn Nicholson, John Guise, Roy Ferguson. Guests: Aurora City Councilperson Angela Lawson sent her regrets but Scott Bauman, Parking Manager for the City of Aurora attended via Zoom.

II. New business

A. A recently revised Aurora city ordinance was discussed: Sec. 134-358. Parking prohibition for recreational vehicles. "(b) It shall be unlawful for any recreational vehicle to remain parked upon any public right-of-way, street, or parts of streets for a length of time in excess of twenty-four (24) hours during any seven (7) day period." The committee's concern is that construction projects, such as repaving, might require the RV's to vacate the storage lot for a period in excess of 24 hours. The following questions were answered by Mr. Bauman:

1. Why was the ordinance made so much more restrictive? The previous version of the ordinance allowed parking for up to five days. Mr. Bauman replied that Denver's stricter ordinance made it necessary for Aurora to make its ordinance just as strict. The reasoning was that RV's from Denver might flock to Aurora to take advantage of Aurora's weaker ordinance.

2. Is there a permit process to allow for parking in excess of 24 hours? Mr. Bauman stated that there is no specific permit process to temporarily allow RV's to park in excess of the 24 hour limit, but that it might be possible to obtain a Temporary Use Permit from the Permit Center at a cost of \$75. He cautioned that the permit should be applied for 2 months prior to needing it. More information is available on the city's website at this link: <u>Temporary Use Permits</u>

3. Is there sufficient room elsewhere on HGMD property for temporary parking? Mr. Bauman agreed that E. Linvale Place was a private drive belonging to the Metro District and Aurora's ordinance did not apply. However, committee members were not convinced that 74 RV's could be parked along E. Linvale Place and that at most perhaps only three RV's might be parked in the lot across the street from building 216.

4. How does the ordinance apply to homeless people occupying an RV in excess of 24 hours? Mr. Bauman stated that the police would first talk to any occupants to seek compliance.

5. What public testimony was heard by City Council prior to adopting the new ordinance? Forrest McClure noted that only one person spoke, and her comments were not about the 24-hour limit. See: <u>AuroraTV 10-9-23</u> starting at point 3.08.00 of the video to point 3.17.00. Mr. Bauman stated that there were public notifications prior to the introduction of the revised ordinance.

6. What other actions might be taken? Mr. Bauman suggested that we ask permission to park RV's in the parking lots of the office buildings bordering S. Vaughan Way. HGA Board Director Mike Pula, attending the meeting via Zoom, stated that HGA had inquired about that due to parking structure repairs but that the office building owners were not interested.

III. Sensera Security Camera package (delivered on Friday, December 8th). Maintenance Facilities Engineer Jon Howell, attending the meeting via Zoom, stated that the package could be left in the Security Department office and that he would coordinate with them prior to installation of the camera. Mr. Howell also stated he would get a timeline for the installation of the new RV lot fence from the contractor, AJI Fence.

IV. Announcements:

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A. \$40,693 of Capital funds for uncompleted 2022/2023 projects for RV Lot lighting and cameras have been carried forward by the HGMD Board for use in 2024.

B. Approved by District to remove the RV Storage Lot from any Comcast contract for the installation of fiberoptic cable.

C. Resident Services Coordinator Michelle Audet monitoring the meeting via Zoom stated that the 2024 RV Lot rental agreements would soon be sent out to all lessees and asked that they make sure that their vehicles have current registrations and insurance.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 2:27 p.m.