

Vehicle Parking District
Board of Parking Place Commissioners
July 10, 2025

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

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*Chairperson Joseph Mladinov III
Vice-Chairperson Glenda Barillas
Commissioner Carolyn Hemming
Commissioner Brian Mundy
Commissioner Alejandra M. Tessier
Commissioner Sergio Cervantes
Commissioner Manuel Vizcarra*

VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

Thursday, July 10, 2025

6:00 PM

City of Pomona Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Vehicle Parking District (VPD) Board of Parking Place Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Mladinov III at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Manuel Vizcarra.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Mladinov III
Commissioner Hemming
Commissioner Mundy
Commissioner Tessier
Commissioner Cervantes
Commissioner Vizcarra

Absent: Vice-Chairperson Barillas

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Vizcarra introduced himself to staff and the Commission. He shared that he is the owner of a dance studio located on Second Street in the downtown area.

Chair Mladinov expressed concern about Manuel Castillejos Plaza (formally Lot 13) being turned into a public plaza and the possible support this idea may have from other community leaders and requested that his concern be entered into the official record. Chair Mladinov also voiced concerns about the long-term fiscal impact of Measure Y, particularly its potential effects on the VPD. Chair Mladinov concluded his communication by congratulating Clayton Kershaw on achieving 3,000 career strikeouts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Hemming, Second by Commissioner Mundy, carried 6-0, to approve items 1-4 on the Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of the June 12, 2025 Vehicle Parking District Board of Parking Place Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Vehicle Parking District Revenue and Expenditure Report for June 2025
3. Ratification of the Sale of Four (4) New Vehicle Parking Permits Issued in June 2025
4. Receive and File the Vehicle Parking District Board of Parking Place Commissioners Attendance Report

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

5. Appointment of the Vehicle Parking District (VPD) Board of Parking Place Commissioners Downtown Pomona Owners Association Board Member Representative for the Annual Term from June 2025 through June 2026

Chair Mladinov opened the discussion by noting that the Downtown Pomona Owner's Association (DPOA) Bylaws specify a three (3) year term for board members. Due to the discrepancy with the current VPD DPOA Representative Appointment Policy, staff suggested deferring this item to a future meeting to allow time to clarify the terms.

Kathy Tessier, President of DPOA, addressed the Commission regarding the VPD DPOA Representative and stated DPOA is open to reviewing its Bylaws to ensure they align with the VPD DPOA Representative Policy for the two-year term. Ms. Tessier expressed concern about the VPD not having a representative at the DPOA meetings and emphasized the importance of filling the vacancy as soon as possible.

Heidi Ortega, DPOA Director, also provided comments on the matter. She read the relevant section of the DPOA Bylaws to assist with the discussion.

Motion by Chair Mladinov, Second by Commissioner Hemming, carried 6-0, to continue this item to the next regular meeting of the Vehicle Parking District Board of Parking Place Commissioners.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Management Analyst Sylvia Gonzales reported that the agenda order has been modified to follow the structure in the City's Commission Bylaws. Ms. Gonzales also reported on the new parking lot inventory report and invited questions or comments. Lastly, Ms. Gonzales asked the Commission whether they would like to go dark in August as has been customary in prior years.

In response the Commission advised that once the Bylaw discrepancy has been resolved the Chair would determine if the August meeting will be held.

Commissioner Hemming had a comment for staff regarding the vacant lot commonly referred to as "Lake Pomona". She notes that there had been some cleanup, though it was unclear who was responsible. She reported there was still a trailer and a stack of bricks on-site. Commissioner Hemming also stated that the reason the Commission typically goes dark in August is to align with the City Council schedule.

Commissioner Mundy expressed agreement with Chair Mladinov's concerns regarding Castillejos Plaza being converted to a public plaza from a VPD parking lot. He suggested "Lake Pomona" as an alternative for such a plaza. Additionally, he mentioned EV charging stations would be a good investment in the downtown area.

Commissioner Mundy also voiced frustration with the current role of the Commission, stating that in his ten years of service, he feels it has shifted from being an advisory board to a body that is informed of decisions without being given the opportunity to provide input. Commissioner Mundy advocated for reinstating the Goddess Award and requested the return of Commissioner-issued business cards and shirts, as provided in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Sylvia Gonzales,
Management Analyst

Joseph Mladinov III
Chair of the Vehicle Parking District
Board of Parking Place Commissioners