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**BEACHWOOD BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BEACHWOOD CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 25325 FAIRMOUNT BOULEVARD, HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011 at 8:00 A.M.**

A meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee of Council was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman Brian H. Linick.

ROLL CALL: Present: J. Berns, B.H. Linick  
Absent: S. Eisen  
Also Present: M.S.Gorden, M.S. Sechrist, D.H. Pekarek, W. Griswold,  
M. I. Wachter

This meeting was held to discuss Hybrid Vehicle Parking Signs. Mr. Linick stated that the only place in the City that has such signage is the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Mr. Berns stated that he feels the City should not push people to buy hybrid cars and asked how the Police would enforce it. Mr. Berns also asked what the incentives would be.

Mayor Gorden stated that such a parking space would have to follow zoning regulations similar to a handicap parking space.

Mr. Griswold stated that it would have to be ADA compliant and adhere to zoning codes. The ADA has tripled the requirement for such spaces.

Chief Sechrist was not in favor of adding more reserved spaces because we do not have enough now.

Mr. Wachter also inquired about how the Police would enforce such hybrid parking spaces.

Chief Sechrist stated that people will call and complain.

Mr. Pekarek stated that a hybrid car gets 22 mpg vs. 28 mpg for a Dodge Neon.

Mr. Linick stated that he would like to see a charging station; however, he would like the City to start somewhere by thinking eco-friendly and green. Mr. Linick stated that it is an important message to send. Mr. Linick suggested trying one or two hybrid car parking spaces in a place that would not conflict with seniors or handicap spaces.

Mayor Gorden stated that Beachwood is already involved in green activities and reserved spots are a problem; people already complain that there are not enough handicapped spaces. Mayor Gorden stated that it is hard to recommend hybrid parking spaces and believes it will draw controversy over not enough handicap spaces. Mayor Gorden stated that he would prefer offering dedicated spaces for handicap needs.

Mr. Linick offered to research how the Maltz Museum is monitoring their spaces and check with Eaton and Tremco regarding charging stations.

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Mayor Gorden stated that Tremco is different.

Mr. Pekarek stated that people cannot afford hybrids.

Mr. Linick stated that the government supports going green.

Mayor Gorden stated that there is an article in the Buzz which is available at both the Community Center and the front lobby of City Hall regarding green efforts on behalf of the City. Mayor Gorden also suggested signage for “the future home of a charging station” to let people know what is being planned.

Mr. Linick inquired as to when the Municipal Service Center will be open. Mr. Pekarek stated, May

Mr. Griswold responded that the City has a conditional occupancy permit for the Municipal Service Center.

Mayor Gorden departed at 8:43 A.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B.H. Linick, seconded by J. Berns, at 8:47 A.M. to adjourn this meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee of Council to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of the City of Beachwood.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	J. Berns, B.H. Linick
	Abstain:	None.
	No:	None.

MOTION ADOPTED – MEETING ADJOURNED

Approved:

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Merle S. Gorden, Mayor

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Karen M. Navolanic, Clerk of Council