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The Michigan City Park Board met in a joint workshop on Thursday, January 7, 2021 via a Zoom webinar at 5 pm.

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the operation of Washington Park during the pandemic.

In attendance were:

- Michigan City Park Board President Phil Latchford, Vice President Phil Freese, Secretary Kent Lange and Member Christina Espar
- Michigan City Park Department Superintendent Ed Shinn and Assistant Superintendent Shannon Eason
- Michigan City Mayor Duane Parry
- Michigan City Common Council Members Don Przybylinski, Dalia Zygas, Angie Nelson Deutch, and Michael Mack
- Michigan City Fire Chief Doug Legault
- Members of the public Pete Flenner, Jack Arnett and MC Chamber

The recommended decision-making team was finalized.

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The initial plan was distributed after the first meeting and President Latchford asked for feedback prior to this meeting. Feedback included:

Submitted by Chris Yagelski:

1. In the “Red Plan” I would suggest a “**Drive Through**” in Lot #1 of Washington Park so that you may not park your vehicle, however allowed to make the complete circle to the wall as a drive around to visually visit and see the lake.

Submitted by Don Przybylinski:

1. MC residents that register for a seasonal pass will receive a blue park sticker and park in Lot 1 and Senior Center lot if needed
2. Out of town residents that pay for a seasonal pass will receive a red sticker and will park in Lot 2 and Fedder’s Alley.
3. All cash paying customers will park in Fedder’s Alley.

The team asked the Park Department to look into an automated parking system (ticket machines, gates, etc.) and also a bar code reading system to track sticker holders coming into the park.

A final meeting will be held in the future after research on a new automated parking system can be completed.