



## **Parking Technical Advisory Group General Meeting Minutes**

Zoom Remote Meeting Hosted in Tacoma, WA 98402

Thursday June 2, 2022 - Occurs First Thursday, Monthly

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<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m.
<b>Members Present</b>	Steph Farber Co-Chair, Joe Loran Co-Chair, Dorene Callier, , David Schroedel, Wendy Cleveland, James Sinding, Stephanie Sarber,
<b>Members Absent</b>	Mandy McGill, Dana Brown (PW, staff support),
<b>City Staff Present</b>	Rachel Barra (Public Works), Eric Huseby (Public Works)
<b>Guests Present</b>	Nick Heerman (Pubic Works, Parking Enforcement lead) Eric Mcmillan (Republic Parking NW) Steve Buter (Public Comment)
<b>Regular Business</b>	<p>PTAG Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joe- No new updates with McMenamins interest. But did talk with Surge, there could be some interest with one of their managers.</li></ul> <p>Transportation Commission: NA</p> <p>City Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Currently undergoing budget process. Majority of requests in the process are enhancements to safety.</li><li>• Recently finished up the field collection for the Proctor Study. This is a modified scope of the 2016 study. Staff will be drafting a short synopsis of the findings and will share with PTAG when it's available for distribution.</li><li>• Parking Services will be bringing back a PEO end of June. This is a former staff member. Their primary role will be updating &amp; creating unfinished parking datasets through the remainder of the year.</li></ul>



- Staff have contracted a local artist to create a mural on the top floor of the North Plaza garage. Theme of the artwork is 'empathy.'
- PTAG asked to get updates on the Neighborhood Planning Initiative – McKinley & Proctor. Feedback from community members under the McKinley project have predominately voiced a need for cultural and place making identity. No action items have been developed yet. For Proctor, the initiative has not kicked off yet—due to start in September. City staff have shared that the Proctor feedback may include parking and transportation related comments.

**4:30 p.m.**  
**Public Comment**

Steve Buter:

- References letter outlining concerns with decision processes under the RPP. \*\*Letter distributed to PTAG prior to meeting\*\*
- Wanted to draw attention to the concerns related to the voting allocation amongst owners in condo boards as it relates to the petition period under the RPP application review. One vote should be allocated to each property owner, not one representative vote of the condo board.
- The application requirements should require the proposed area to encompass the full neighborhood, not just segments.
- Other points are outlined in the letter. Reached out to city staff to get an update on the conversations related to addressing the concerns raised in the letter.

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**Agenda Items:**

***Residential Parking  
Zones- outreach  
notifications Led by  
David Schroedel  
Rachel Barra***

David Schroedel, consultant to the PTAG working in affiliation with Public Works, Parking Services

Key points in the conversation included:

- Members finalized the decision to change the sequencing of the RPZ application phases to performing a parking occupancy study first then move forward with the petition period if the results meet the thresholds for determining a legit parking problem.



- Members finalized the decision use a 300 foot buffer as a standard to identify additional outreach boundary outside of proposed RPZ segments.
- Members agreed to adding two additional notification elements (directed to the 300 foot buffer area) to the outreach process of RPZ applications. One sent after occupancy study and one sent after the petition process. Notifications would be informational only -- outlining updates on what is being applied for, the status of the application and how to participate in the RPZ in the future.

***Tacoma Enforcement -  
informational  
Presented by Rachel  
Barra***

Key points in the presentation included:

- Overview of the Parking Enforcement Program.
- Role of enforcement is to promote compliance and safety.
- Elements of the program includes life safety, timing/pay, ADA & licensing.
- Staff observations on the changing parking environment:
  - Super short term parking products are difficult to enforce (ie 15 min, 3 min, passenger loading).
  - Difficult monitoring the variance of loading zones.
  - ADA placard abuse still has concentrated hot spots.
  - Officer safety in the field is a growing problem.

***Adjournment***

Joe Loran ended meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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Acronyms Used:

- PTAG- Parking Technical Advisory Group
- RPZ- Residential Parking Zone
- RPP- Residential Parking Program
- PEO- Parking Enforcement Officer

