



Parking Management Advisory Task Force

747 Market Street; Room 537

Meeting #60 – April 4, 2013, Notes

4:10

Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs

Rollie Herman, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order.

The meeting notes from March 21st were accepted as written.

4:20

UWT Area Discussion

[RH] reviewed some of the discussions around changes to the UWT area. He noted that the task force is looking at three items:

- Extend the time of enforcement to 8PM from 6PM
- Reduce the time limits to 90 minutes from 2 hours
- End Saturday's "Buy 2 hours, get 10" promotion

He also noted on the enforcement front, that the task force had recommended in June, 2012 that the City move forward with acquiring LPR technology. This was directly related to increasing enforcement flexibility in areas like UWT.

While there has been unanimous consent on the issue of extending the time of enforcement and ending Saturday's extended stay promotion, the task force has been divided on the issue of reducing the time stay. To address this, [RH] presented an interim enforcement step of using existing enforcement officers in "LPR mode" to identify parkers abusing the 2-hour time limits regardless of payment.

The suggestion included three steps:

1. Increase enforcement of overtime parking using parking enforcement officers acting in "LPR mode"
2. On Tuesday May 21st, Wednesday May 22nd or Thursday May 23rd obtain occupancy data for the west side of Pacific Avenue between South 17th Street and South 21st Street. Data to be collected hourly between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM.
3. If the peak occupancy drops below 95% continue with a 2-hour time stay.

-or-

If the peak occupancy is at 95% or greater change the South Pacific area to a 90-minute time stay.

After some discussion, the task force made some recommended tweaks to the suggestions to better inform users and clarify for staff the goals. The goal is to set a clear standard that if not reached will trigger the change of time stays.

The final steps relating to time stays adopted by the task force were:

- 1. Increase enforcement of overtime parking using parking enforcement officers acting in “LPR mode”**
- 2. On Tuesday May 21st or Wednesday May 22nd obtain occupancy data for the West side of Pacific Avenue between South 17th Street and South 21st Street. Data to be collected hourly between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM.**
- 3. If the peak occupancy drops below 90% continue with a 2-hour time stay.**
-or-
If the peak occupancy is at 90% or greater change the South Pacific area to a 90-minute time stay.
- 4. Warnings should not be a component of the test enforcement program.**
- 5. Businesses must be informed of the overtime parking problem and asked to be part of the solution. If possible, parkers who are ticketed for overtime parking should be provided information on long term parking alternatives.**

5:20 Restricted Parking Zone Applicability

At the prior meeting Rick Williams, a consultant, went over the best practices on restricted parking zones for residential areas. An important point for his presentation was the availability of the restricted parking zones to residents. The best practices in the field dictate that the residential parking zone availability is tied to the municipality's zoning code. However, it is important to note that zoning is not always consistent with the existing use.

There was some discussion about areas where residents see there is a parking problem and their relation to existing zoning. Specific areas brought up were:

- 6th Avenue Business District
- Area near Tacoma General and St. Joseph Hospitals
- Area near County-City Building
- Area near Annie Wright School

City staff recommended talking with [RW] further about possible options for identifying potential areas of applicability for residential parking zones.

In addition to the zoning question, the task force was encouraged to consider the criteria and cost to create and manage a zone.

While there were no members of the public present, the task force did discuss a proposed protest the next morning opposing the paystations.

[RH] reminded the task force that the first meetings in May (5/2/13) and June (6/6/13) would be in the County-City Building area.

The meeting was adjourned at 6PM with the next meeting on April 18th.