



Parking Technical Advisory Group

728 St. Helens; Room 16

Meeting #74 – November 21, 2013, Notes

4:15 Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs

Rollie Herman, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order. It was noted that there were a limited number of advisory group members present.

4:20 City Update

Eric Huseby, the City's Parking Services Manager, gave an update on several City items he has been working on. He covered the following items:

- The City is issuing warnings to vehicles entering angled stalls the wrong way – mostly pulling head-in to back-in only stalls. This is significant due to the number of new back-in stalls created as part of the Pacific Avenue Streetscape project.
- Dock Street now has 5hr time stays. The City has not heard much one way or another on the issue.

[RH] gave an update on the co-chairs' meeting with the City manager. This meeting included the delivery/discussion of the recommendations for the County-City Building Area. One of the questions raised was the cost of the paystations within the current parking system finances. City staff was still looking into this. In addition, there was a better understanding of the need to work on residential permits and determine the budget while the City is still developing its budget. These issues must be fully vetted by the City and adopted by October, 2014.

The group also discussed the need to look for future PTAG members. While there was a recognition that the group would be evaluating parking in new areas, like the Stadium District and Dome District, the group did not feel it imperative to have people specifically from any of these areas. Instead, the group felt it more critical to have open-minded critical thinkers who could evaluate the situations without a pre-determined agenda.

5:00 Discussion: On-Street Occupancies

The group discussed the need to evaluate the on-street system and its pricing within multiple contexts. Some of the key issues raised included:

- Covering operations & maintenance costs
- Competitiveness of credit card fees, particularly on small transactions
- Appropriateness of higher pricing to improve operations & maintenance
- Concerns about deviating from the strict 85 percent rule for pricing
- Parking fund should not be losing money
- Branding and deferred maintenance costs and how to pay for them

During this discussion, the PTAG took a moment to approve the 11/7/13 notes as written.

5:55

Williams White Paper

[RH] reminded PTAG members to take a look at the section on rate setting and occupancies for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6PM with the next meeting on December 5th.

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