



## **Parking Technical Advisory Group**

**728 St. Helens; Room 16**

**Meeting #82 – April 3rd, 2014, Notes**

### **4:10 Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs**

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

### **The PTAG approved the 3/20/14 meeting notes.**

Dana Brown, with the City, gave an update on a number of City initiatives, including:

- City continues to work with County-City Building employees about the transition of the area. Jury permits are still planned to go away, but they need to talk with other stakeholders
- The City is working on the final touches on street signage along Pacific Avenue following construction. This is expected to wrap up soon.

### **4:20 Discussion: Residential Parking Zones**

At the prior meeting the PTAG began discussing a framework for approaching the issue of residential parking. This discussion continued at this meeting.

Bill Timmer, a consultant to the City, walked through a presentation covering some key points in evaluating and creating a system. The goal for this meeting is to:

- Define who is eligible to vote on a zone and receive permits through the zone
- Process to establish, expand and extinguish a zone.

To date, the PTAG has developed the following criteria to guide the discussion:

- Residential Parking System Goal:  
Create a parking system that gives available space priority in residential neighborhoods to residents and their guests, during periods of high occupancy, while maximizing the use of the parking resource for all users.
- Residential Parking System Objectives:
  1. Recognize that on-street parking spaces in residential neighborhoods are a finite resource which should be managed to promote access and livability
  2. The system should be easy to use and understand
  3. The system should encourage voluntary compliance
  4. Create a system of parking controls optimizing on-street availability for residents
- Residential Permit Zone Q&A:

1. Minimum peak occupancy?
  - a. 75% occupied
2. How long/frequent must peak be present?
  - a. 1 day a week
  - b. 3 hours in a row
  - c. Seasonal peaks may be addressed with seasonal restrictions
3. What percentage of parkers must be from outside the area under consideration?
  - a. 35% of parkers (not 35% of total stalls)
4. How far is acceptable to walk?
  - a. 1 adjacent block face (across the street counts as the same block face for these purposes)
  - b. This means measurement should include 10 block faces
5. Minimum support within residential neighborhood to create?
  - a. 60%
6. Minimum support to extinguish?
  - a. 45%

After reviewing the above recommendations, the PTAG moved on to a discussion of who is eligible to vote in the creation, expansion or extinguishing of a permit zone. In this conversation there were a number of types of residential and non-residential units considered, both from a owner-occupied & non-owner-occupied scenario.

After an in-depth discussion, the group decided that any residential unit was eligible to vote (1-unit, 1-vote) and purchase residential parking permits.

Additional questions discussed and evaluated included the following:

7. What is the maximum number of permits available to any single residence?
  - a. There is no maximum
8. Should the sale of permits be limited to specific types of residences with or without off-street parking?
  - a. Any residential unit with an address is eligible
9. How should pricing be structured for residential parking permits? (flat rate, escalator, other?)
  - a. Escalator as follows:
    - i. First & second permit at the same price
    - ii. Third permit is more than second
    - iii. Fourth permit pricing is undecided at equal to or greater than third
    - iv. Fifth permit is more than fourth
    - v. Six and greater permits are the same rate, greater than fifth permit

The group postponed discussion of the process to form a residential parking zone until next meeting.

[Note: There were no members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting, so there was no break taken for public comment.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 with the next meeting on May 1st.**