



Parking Technical Advisory Group

728 St. Helens; Room 16

Meeting #85 – July 10, 2014, Notes

4:10 Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs

Steph Farber, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order.

The PTAG approved the 5/1/14 meeting notes.

City of Tacoma staff gave an update on some of the things they had been working on:

- Branding RFQ is going out next week.
- Garage lighting RFP is being vetted and will likely go out in about 6 weeks.
- The LED fixtures for lighting in the garages has been selected. Up to 70 percent of the cost of the lighting will be covered with a Tacoma Public Utilities rebate. The electricity cost associated with the new lights will be less than 50 percent of the current lights.
- Rate changes for on- & off-street parking are in the downtown core will be implemented in August.
- Expecting to change time stays around the County-City Building in late July. City enforcement staff are expecting to issue warnings for the first couple of weeks as regular users acclimatize.
- Around the end of September, new paystations will be going in from 9th to 14th on Tacoma Avenue.

4:40 Discussion: Co-Chair Changes

[SF] informed the group that Rollie Herman, one of the co-chairs, had decided to step down from the PTAG. [SF] recognized that [RH] had been involved with the several iterations of parking task forces extending back beyond the deployment of paystations in Tacoma. [RH] was very instrumental to the progress of the group, handling a good deal of external communications as well as being involved on selection teams for a variety of positions and contractors. The group discussed ways to recognize Rollie's work.

4:50 Discussion: Residential Parking Zone

After a recent meeting with the City Manager, co-chairs & staff were encouraged to attend existing meetings to help spread the word on the RPZ discussion as well as gathering more feedback from community members. The PTAG discussed what this would look like.

Some of the key items for presentation to the public included:

- Recognizing that the current system is
 - Unsustainable

- Does not meet the expected service levels
- Does not accommodate non-resident users
- Enforcement is currently Tacoma Police based – which is (rightfully) a low priority
- \$2 permit for life is going away
- Want to hear what public likes/doesn't like about the current system

PTAG discussed a potential date for the community meeting. After some discussion about avoiding summer and holidays, the PTAG recommended meeting on 9/18 at a location in the communities most impacted – likely in the North Slope.

It was noted that the City Council needed more buy-in to the process. This could be developed through more community outreach. City staff committed to reaching out to the following community groups, at a minimum:

- North End Neighborhood Council
- Central Tacoma Neighborhood Council
- New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
- Stadium Business District
- 6th Avenue Business District

[No members of the public were present to offer comment at 5:15, so the regular PTAG business continued.]

5:40 Discussion: Future Agendas

The group was asked to think about parking system issues that should be discussed over the next year or so. A couple of items were suggested: examining a later than 8AM start time & spacing between paystations. The PTAG was given homework for the next meeting to identify what issues were out there or coming down the road.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 with the next meeting on 8/7/14.