



Parking Technical Advisory Group

728 St. Helens; Room 16

Meeting #89 – December 4, 2014, Notes

4:10 Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs

Steph Farber, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order. The November 7th Meeting Notes were approved as presented.

Eric Huseby, Parking Services Manager for the City of Tacoma gave an update on some things the City staff were working on. Two key items were:

1. Finalizing the package of residential parking program materials being sent out to the public for feedback.
2. Potential impacts of the Yareton Project (on the 1500 block of Commerce Street). The project would include two 20+ story towers on existing City-owned parking facilities. The group had extensive discussion on potential impacts, but felt like additional details were needed to better understand the reality of the project proposal. Additional clarity is expected with a development plan in spring, 2015. The PTAG wanted to discuss it further once this was developed.

4:45 Review: Residential Parking Program Existing Permit Holders

As the PTAG has been refining a proposed permit program based on continuous community feedback, the details of how it would impact existing permit holders has been unclear. There has been a proposal to streamline the process for existing permit holders, but exactly how this will be achieved needs additional clarity. One item that has been recommended as a benefit to existing permit holders is the waiver of the zone study fee (currently \$250) to determine if a residential parking permit zone is warranted.

One of the primary questions anticipated is how existing zones with less than 10 block faces (the proposed minimum size) would be treated. As currently proposed, unless they can gather support from a full 10 block face area, they would not be eligible for a permit zone. The PTAG did suggest that exceptions to the minimum zone standards be allowed though with a proposal to the PTAG.

5:15 Review: 2015 Work Plan

As the PTAG and City staff prepare for 2015, both felt it was important to identify some key topics to address over the next year. Some of the topics raised included:

- Integrated parking management system & implementation
- Evaluation of "Pay 'til 8PM" pilot around UWT
- Parking system expansion options/requests
- Parking occupancy count & system-wide or sub-area-wide review(s)
- Late start options for enforced areas

- Mobile phone payment options
- Yareton project updates
- Scofflaw policy & collections
- Paystation upgrades
- “Pay Here” signage

City staff noted that the vendors for the integrated parking management system would likely be evaluated in the first quarter of 2015.

[There were no members of the public at the meeting to share their comments].

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM with the next meeting on 1/8/14, a week later than normal due to the New Year holiday.