



## **Parking Technical Advisory Group**

**728 St. Helens; Room 16**

### **Meeting #100 – January 7, 2016, Notes**

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

Judi Hyman, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order.

Eric Huseby from the City of Tacoma gave an overview of some of the things the City has been working on recently. The City has been conducting outreach in Lincoln Business District. The response has been positive from the community.

The City has been working with the Yareton Group to ensure that sufficient public parking will be available at the conclusion of the project.

With the Old Spaghetti Factory relocation to Pacific Plaza, the City expects an increase in off-street parking in the Pacific Plaza garage, especially in the evening.

#### **4:30 Occupancy Data Discussion**

The PTAG followed up the presentation of the parking data from December with a discussion about what they were seeing in the system. Some of the observations included:

- UWT as a parking generator with users looking for cheap long-term parking
- Edge areas have high occupancy
  - Possibly parkers who are looking for unavailable parking types being pushed out
  - Adding regulations to edges might encourage people to move back into the core metered area
  - Are currently non-regulated areas being used for long-term parking that is unavailable?
- Saturday at 900 Broadway is likely as much bad parking behavior with pick-ups & drop-offs as it is long-term parking
- Unclear if users are ignoring existing signage
  - Is there an opportunity for more/better signage
- Different parts of downtown have different needs
- Around the UWT we need feedback from businesses on whether or not their customers and clients are having a hard time finding parking
- What is UWT's plan for parking as they grow?
- Is it time to consider block-by-block time of day pricing?
- If people are moved out of high occupancy areas, where will they go next?

Following discussion of the observations and some questions, the issue of parking zones with differing regulations came up. As it currently stands, the City has four paid parking zones already where the price is \$1/hr, but the length of stay allowed and time of enforcement varies:

- Dock Street: Up to 10hrs, 8AM-6PM
- UWT: Up to 90mins, 8AM-8PM
- Courthouse: Up to 2hrs, 8AM-4PM
- Core: Up to 2hrs, 8AM-6PM

There are also a variety of unpaid regulations allowed throughout downtown as well as some areas that are entirely unregulated.

As the PTAG began to look at the map and which areas were parked up, there were two areas that seemed outside the scope of addressing due to the limited number of stalls impacted within a larger area:

- 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> on Broadway
- 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> on Pacific

However, the group wanted to further investigate three additional areas they saw as potentially needing more review. These areas, and the PTAG's impression of the parkers, are as follows:

- 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, Market to Tacoma
- 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, Market to Tacoma
- 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Pacific to Jefferson

Additionally, there is a corner of land abutting both of the last two areas, where parkers may simply be pushed to that may need to be considered as well. This area is bounded by 21<sup>st</sup>, Jefferson, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Tacoma.

The group agreed to look into these areas more at the next meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6PM with the next meeting on 2/4.**