



Parking Technical Advisory Group

728 St. Helens; Room 16

Meeting #101 – February 4, 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. He noted that they are still working on communicating the value of parking as a shared asset for the business district. The primary issues raised at the most recent business district meeting included:

- Having a stall available for each business's employees
- Concerns around security in off-street parking facilities
- There was a recognition that crime is down with the increased parking enforcement, due in part to their very visible presence

The City is moving forward on an integrated parking management solution, recently making a recommendation to purchasing on a preferred vendor from the RFP.

The transition in the way parking is being used in Pacific Plaza has created some challenges. To help work things out, the City has temporarily closed the garage to daily parkers – those parking all day without a monthly pass. The City will be evaluating the impacts of this and determine next steps forward.

On March 8th at 4:30 in Room 16, Public Works staff will be presenting to the City Council's Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee. This presentation is expected to include information on LPR and the needed municipal code changes to move it forward.

4:30 Occupancy Data Discussion

The PTAG revisited the data presented around the south end of the paid parking area in the buffer. After much detailed discussion about the different impacts to parking and who was impacted by different parking constraints, including the currently overparked nature of the unregulated buffer, the group decided that it really needed to hear from the people in the area. Specifically, the question was, "is there a parking problem today?"

Answering this question would keep the City and the PTAG from going into an area that did not feel or want changes to the on-street system.

The meeting was adjourned at 6PM with the next meeting on 3/3.