



## **Parking Technical Advisory Group**

**728 St. Helens; Room 16**

**Meeting #117 – July 13, 2017, Notes**

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

Steph Farber, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order. The attendees introduced themselves.

Due to light attendance and agenda, the PTAG decided to begin with public comment.

### **4:20 Public Comment**

There were four members of the public who provided comments:

- Someone who had recently had jury duty had concerns around the coordination of parking availability with the courts. He noted that while there were roughly 300-400 jurors at the County-City Building, there were far less parking stalls. He suggested that the City and the courts need to collaborate more on parking solutions.
- A representative from Nativity House around 1411 S. Yakima had concerns about long-term parking in front of their building. He felt that there were many illegally parked vehicles in front of the building, including overtime in the loading zone and blocking a crosswalk.

City staff noted that currently enforcement does not normally extend that far south on Yakima. They would look at expanding the routes to include this block, at least temporarily to help inform people of appropriate parking. There may also be an opportunity to improve signage around the loading zone and crosswalk.

- An employee of the Starbucks in the 1700 block of Pacific Avenue commented on safety crossing South 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Another employee on foot had been hit by a vehicle on May 9<sup>th</sup> at about 8:30PM while crossing 21<sup>st</sup> at Court C. The employee was southbound while the car was eastbound. Employee would like to see employee parking added to Pacific Avenue adjacent to Starbucks. They would also like to see

improved safety around 21<sup>st</sup> Street by adding a light at 21<sup>st</sup> & Ct. C and a “school”/“slow”/“pedestrian crossing” type sign for traffic control.

The PTAG explained that the customer, client and visitor were the priority users of the on-street system, but would pass along her suggestions to traffic engineering about the crossing. The PTAG also noted that some design work was underway to improve the safety of the crossing.

- A resident of The Ansonia at Tacoma Avenue and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street expressed concerns about the potential loss of the RPZ on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. He felt that their proximity to Stadium High School and a number of nearby restaurants was creating extra demand for parking along their street. The PTAG noted that the RPZ process and regulations were still being developed for the mixed use centers, but that they were sensitive to outside parking influences.

Following the public comments, there was a brief update on the Transportation Commission. PTAG Co-Chair Judi Hyman and City Staff Eric Huseby and Rachel Lindahl met with the Transportation Commission. The Transportation Commission and PTAG would begin sharing minutes and have more regular updates between them to help them better understand the scope of PTAG's work.

#### **5:20                      Zip Car Update**

Parking Services Manager Eric Huseby gave an update on some of the ZipCar data. There has been a steady increase in hours of utilization, reservations, and number of members during the past year with 75% of the months showing stronger numbers than the year prior. While ZipCar is not proposing any changes at this time, if growth continues, we expect to have discussions about expansion in the next year.

#### **5:30                      Other Discussion**

Due to the light attendance, the RPZ discussion was postponed until the next meeting. The Stadium District occupancy study was also covered at only a high level.

In the Stadium District, the occupancy study was extensive running through the whole district from 8AM to 8PM Monday through Saturday. For the entire district occupancies hovered between 65%-85% for every hour. This also means several areas never saw their occupancies drop. Roughly 2/3 of the business district saw occupancies consistently above 85% with 20% consistently over 100% - meaning illegal parking. The PTAG was looking forward to getting more into the implications of this at the next meeting with a larger group.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM with the next meeting on 8/3.**