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Meeting Notes

Downtown Parking Advisory Committee (DPAC)

Thursday, July 26, 2018, 12-2pm

Noon DPAC Meeting

Roll Call: Rich Taylor, Steve Koch, Brittany Counts, Scott Douglass, Doug Watson, Dee Dee Cochran, Samuel Johnson, Carrie Percich, Jon Welter, Kevin English

Commute Options: Brian Potwin; DBBA: Michaela Beechem; CET: Andrea Breault; Diamond Parking: Terence Spakousky - ex officio

1. Welcome – Introduction | Drew Dietrich

Introductions including connection to downtown. Want to gain traction for policies procedures and improving system. Is there any entity that is not represented here? Comments: library, school district, parks and rec. Maybe transportation management and growth management from City. Downtown churches.

2. Background Discussion | Carolyn Eagan

Gave history of parking studies. Recent study was first one Council adopted. Followed through in hiring manager and starting with strategies. Who are right people? Looked at strategies and make meetings useful. Of note: Strategy 6 – residential areas adjacent to downtown not directed by Council at this time.

Looking at future funding mechanisms. Increase in revenue from last to this year. A lot of infrastructure improvements needed. Make system more user friendly. Pricing has never been based on actual cost of system. Will have consultant come in. Use plan to help guide decisions. Creating a scalable model for rest of City and new districts. Focus for this committee is Downtown.

Staff appointed committee. Make recommendations to staff. Exception is fees go through Council. Council has already adopted study and related strategies.

Kevin English, resident of adjacent neighborhood said worst has ever seen for residents. Asked why he is on committee if not dealing with strategy 6.. Carolyn: we don't have a charge to put restrictions in neighborhoods (time limits, residential permit); however, can't talk about downtown without taking into account spillover effects. Plan is to better manage district to hopefully alleviate some of the issues of spillover. Strategy is in study. Won't let it go.

3. Committee Goals & Roles | Drew Dietrich

28 strategies. Currently on #5. Plan is a guide, can be tweaked. Keep 5 things in mind: capacity, cost, connectivity, communication, customer service.

4. Actions Taken in 2018 | Drew Dietrich

Customer first parking system. Already working on. In next 2-3 weeks, Police will have a substation downtown in parking garage building. Also permanent police parking stall in alley. Consultant coming in to look at capital improvement plan. Costs for a single parking space: on-street space 5,000; parking garage space 30,000; underground 60,000. Looking at all our facilities. Repairs and cleaning being done in parking garage.

Spring 2019 complete reconstruction of So. Mirror Pond lot. Angled parking, thicker pavement, lighting, more passive landscaping, larger stalls, garbage receptacle redesign, cameras. Have found sufficient funding. 97 stalls currently. 80 new number. Functionality will be better. What is plan while is under construction? Will look into ways to mitigate. Will have a plan. 90 days of construction.

Alley ways. Education, engineering, enforcement. Survey for permit holders. Technology can enhance – pay by plate. Online payment system.

5. Review Policies | Drew Dietrich

Downtown Residential Parking Permits

Downtown Core permit would be a fee. Broadway – no charge. Guidelines are a place to start. Dee Dee: don't limit to a particular lot, maybe in a zone instead. Number of permits per address – suggested per number of bedrooms. Drew: off-street rather than on-street. Add line, in event of confirmed overflow, reasonable accommodation (define). Add garage as an option.

Dee Dee: Developers may have paid in lieu of fees. Having to provide lease agreement - feels invasion of policy. Based on number of bedrooms. (how would confirm.)

Carolyn: what types of proofs? Driver's license. Vehicle registration. Could allow guest permit. Kevin: Try a trial period with guest passes and see how works. Make rules clear. Current limit. 2 per address. **Drew will come up with revised version. Send Drew any additional comments. Pilot for a year.** Terence: currently on lease, on number of residents, not bedrooms.

Special Event Parking.

Strictly focused on parking. No consistency in how event organizer handle parking. Parking plan would have to be included in special events permit requests. Policy consistent but flexible. All codes and ordinances apply if not specified in permit. Currently not required to submit a plan. Need to tell where everyone is parking including vendors. Plan would be disseminated to affected businesses. Kevin brought up issue with alley parking during events. Need to include larger enforcement area than just downtown parking district. Sign saying don't park in alley. If overflow, signage. Carolyn: need public support to show to Council.

Include residential neighborhoods directly outside neighborhood, identify places where to send them. Do we want to go so far that vendors cannot park in Mirror Pond or on residential street. Do we want to add? Add “influence” areas depending on scope of event. Test with farmer’s market. Signs and enforcement. Tell vendors. Put up signage. Enforcement.

Comment was made that Parks and Rec limits number of events in parks which causes events to shift to downtown.

If Committee is comfortable with requiring events to pay for any stall taken off the street. If closure by right of way, then not charged for stalls.

6. Decisions for Next Meeting | Drew Dietrich

- Removing 750 foot rule is an ordinance change. Need to do to create zones.
- Removing two hours free parking in Mirror Pond lots and 3 hours in garage.
- Mobile payment – could pilot in Greenwood/Wall.

7. Adjourned at 2pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Hoping for 3rd Thursday of month at same time in Council Chambers. Next meeting would be August 16th.