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Meeting Notes

Downtown Parking Advisory Committee (DPAC)

Thursday, February 21, 2019

3:00pm DPAC Meeting

Roll Call: John Picarazzi, Brittany Counts, Doug Watson, Samuel Johnson, Jon Welter, Suzy Reininger, Michael Walker, Scott Douglass

Commute Options, DBBA, CET, Library, Diamond Parking, Parks & Rec - ex officios

1. Review Meeting Notes

Approved.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Updates:

Pilot programs: Currently gathering data to measure results. Can make adjustments after data is in.

Signage: in next few weeks, signs should be up showing the various changes. Plan is education first, warning, and only then citation; will receive 2 information placards, then a printed warning with violation type, and the 4th violation will result in a citation.

Permitting: Gradually phasing in.

So. Mirror Pond Lot: Contractor is Emery and Sons. Targeting a mid-March start date for construction, estimating early June completion. So. Mirror Pond makes up less than 3.5% of parking supply downtown. There will be a public kickoff meeting with additional outreach. Flow will change to one way only. There will be 51 extended vehicle spaces. Will be temporarily limited access in alley. Outreach will occur prior.

4. Shared-Use Presentation and Discussion: Michael Walker

Strategy 11: Build additional capacity.

There are lots of questions regarding shared use. What would owner share? Will they do unless compensated? What is market rate? Makes sense to make slightly higher than street permit in front of parcel. Is need only during day or into evening? Likely day only.

What is real potential? Talked with biggest opportunities and worked way down. Counted spaces, whether full or not. Met with folks if possible.

Some said impossible, not interested. One said he would have a few spaces if done the

right way (boilerplate lease, suggest/match people). Some potential but small. Some were looking for more spots for themselves. All but 3 who might have space are outside of EID.

Where do we go from here? Next stage. If possibility exists, send letter to owners. Then send letter to occupants, employees. Seems like a lot of work and cost; however, cost for a parking stall is \$45,000 so is a valid tradeoff.

Mike mentioned that we may be closer to needing more supply than we thought. But we have to prove it to have credibility. Survey may be needed. Surplus hit by school district pulling lot away from supply. Is alternative transportation a big enough solution to handle lack of supply?

Who is looking for spaces and how many? Doubletree wants space back from City. Drake Building unhappy about taxi company parking there. Wells Fargo had to spend money on signage to keep people from using their lot. More people are getting upset.

Use of private lots in evening: signage would be required. Wells Fargo allows. Mike mentioned there are issues with liability, insurers. Landowner needs to be shielded.

Lynne suggested looking at shuttle bus from outer lot.

Carolyn: Next steps: institute letters. Need updated capacity analysis and turn-over study. Move up new supply in strategies. Rearrange final strategies. Mike said we are not starting from scratch. Do we need to go back to all lots and counts? Losing some spots in Mirror Pond due to redesign, some in Newport due to Parks and loss of the School district lot.

Old Mill employees park further away. Have security in lot and can get ride. Kim – County Services building. Employee shuttle. Maybe around events.

Drew: How many visitors come downtown? Where are they visiting from and where are they visiting? Need a heat map. Another data set we should know.

Is there a window of when letter needs to go out? No.

5. Committee Goals

Safety: Downtown substation finalized. Intelligence based now. School resource officers in summer. Police are willing to offer personal safety education for downtown employees. Can offer regularly but they want people to come. Work with Sergeant Landolt.

Special Events: Scott Douglass teed up conversation with County to use their lot for special events on evenings and weekends. Shifting some events to Troy field lot instead of downtown streets

6. Next Steps

CIP is in place. Put dollars in budget for maintenance, but not a new parking garage.

7. Adjourned at 4:28.