NW Parking SAC

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Friendly House 1737 NW 26th Ave. Portland, OR 97210

Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance

Elizabeth Aaby, Tavo Cruz, Karen Karlsson, Rick Michaelson (Chair), Thomas Ranieri, Phil Selinger, Don Singer, Ron Walters

Staff

Chris Armes (PBOT), Scott Cohen (PBOT), Steve Hoyt-McBeth (PBOT), Lynda Viray (PBOT)

Public in Attendance

Allan Classen (NW Examiner), Adam McGovern (Sterling Coffee/Coffeehouse NW)

Welcome & Public Comment

Rick Michaelson called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and invited public comment.

Public Comment:

Adam McGovern, owner of Sterling Coffee/Coffeehouse NW discussed the effects of the parking plan on Coffeehouse NW located on Burnside (at Trinity Place). He was aware of the upcoming 30 minute spaces but has requested more short term spaces near Coffeehouse NW based on their needs. The committee thoroughly discussed the request and approved to provide (4) 30 minute spaces in front of 11 NW Trinity Place where there is currently angled parking. Chris will follow up on this request.

TDM:

Scott Cohen explained they are working with a graphic consultant on an online survey which he'll share with the committee once it's completed. The brochure will also be available to share shortly and advertisements are currently being designed for NW Examiner. Additional marketing materials are currently being created to support the online survey. Phil asked about the key message and Scott explained it would be providing information on transportation options and incentives. Scott is working on a smart phone application discount which will have a variety of transportation maps. They have a supply of bike lights to provide and they may also include an incentive for BikeShare. Rick discussed a neighborhood fair scheduled in September that would be an ideal opportunity to reach out regarding TDM. Phil asked about business outreach and Scott has not yet contacted businesses but they plan to complete this outreach in the summer. Chris also explained electronic permits are not yet available but TDM info can be sent in the permit renewal packets.

BikeShare:

Steve Hoyt-McBeth explained that there will be 1,000 bikes and 100 stations by mid-July. In two weeks, they will have a revised map on the final station locations. There will be 13 stations within the Northwest District and an average of 20 racks at each location. PBOT staff were able to select locations with minimal impact on on-street parking and preserve the current parking per Rick's advice. The cost is \$2.50 per ticket for 30 minutes and the cost is \$12 for a day (24 hours). Studies show the average single bike trip is 1 mile. An annual member will be charged \$12 per month. Steve shared the public outreach efforts that have been conducted which also included attendance and participation from the NWDA.

PBOT Report:

Short Term Parking Spaces Installation

Chris clarified that the 30 minute short term spaces will be installed at the corners starting tomorrow at the NW Pettygrove end and will be paid parking. Zone M permits will not be allowed at the 30 minute short term spaces.

Airbnb Business Permits

Lynda circulated an Airbnb sample NW listing map and explained how currently only Zone F's Supplemental Plan has language about Airbnb qualifying for business permits and they are allowed 1 guest permit for each bedroom/sleeping space/unit. The committee thoroughly discussed and agreed Airbnb visitors are actually customers not employees or residents. Karen echoed and commented how the hostels should be treated the same and the committee also agreed. Rick proposed Airbnb hosts and hostel owners would be able to utilize scratch off books for their customers but not employee or resident guest permits. Rick suggested the committee work on a policy.

Extended Annexation Area

Lynda circulated a map and Chris clarified that Jay has received several annexation requests within the district boundaries and would like a general approval from the committee to move forward. The committee had no issues and just want to receive an updated map regularly.

Meter Installation Impacts:

Rick requested committee feedback regarding the meters which have been placed for 2 months. Ron commented on how it was hard to tell due to construction but he's able to have visitors find parking. Tavo commented how the meters are full in the evenings but spaces are available during the lunch time. Don agreed with Tavo and explains how it gets tighter towards Burnside. Tom and Elizabeth both echoed how it's difficult to find parking at night. Phil commented how the committee can't solve every aspect of parking problems. Rick discussed how the next round of feedback will be on the 30 minute spaces.

Council Hearing on Required Parking:

Chris confirmed the council hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6th at 2 PM and is a time certain. Rick explained how they will request the council to amend the required parking. Karen requested committee members attend and provide testimony. Karen will circulate list in advance for testimony preparation such as affordable housing, market behavior, car ownership, and permit restrictions.

New Business:

No further updates.