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| NW Parking SAC | Friendly House |
| December 18, 2019 | 1737 NW 26 th Ave. |
| 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Portland, OR 97210 |

Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance

Rick Michaelson (Chair), Ron Walters Daniel Anderson, Peter Rose, Nick Fenster, Jeanne Harrison, Don Singer, Nancy DeLeo, Mark Stromme, Karen Karlsson,

Members Absent

Parker McNulty, Thomas Ranieri, Brent Soffey,

PBOT Staff

Kathryn Doherty-Chapman - NW SAC Liaison

Speakers

Owen Ronchelli- Rick Williams Consulting

Public in Attendance

Allan Classen

Timbers Parking Study

Owen Ronchelli summarizes the 2019 Timbers parking utilization study.

The report can be found online at
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/752875>.

Key findings include:

- During Timbers gamedays, the average occupancy rate is 97% in the restricted event area.
- Parking occupancy rates increase by 6% - 8% during weekend game days.
- Permitted vehicles accounted for 54% of parked cars during peak hours.
- 55% of visitors are apprehensive about coming to NW because of the parking challenges.

Ron says there's a proposal that the Oversight Committee would be advisory to the Timbers and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). They're proposing to go back to the 5-person oversight committee that meets once a year – the exact setup that was in place previously.

The CAO and the Timbers may choose to accept or reject any changes proposed. Ron shares concern that if that happens, the Timbers will not do anything they don't want to do.

Ron proposes (and the NWDA board supports) the following three revisions to the Timbers Oversight Committee:

- Diversify the oversight committee so that it represents a member from the NW SAC.
- Hold 4 meetings a year minimum, as opposed to one.
- There must be a mechanism such that if the committee thinks a change must be made that recommendations can be made even if the Timbers don't like the recommendations.

Ron points out that, according to an intercept survey, 79% of Timbers fans arrive by car and 61% are parking on street.

The goal of the Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan (CTMP) was no more than 1,550 cars parked on the street, but that goal was exceeded by 430 cars. The Oversight Committee must meet more than once a year to ensure that doesn't keep happening.

Vote:

Dan makes a motion that the SAC endorse the three objectives of the NWDA and communicate that endorsement in writing to the city.

Nick seconds. Ron abstains.

Unanimous approval.

Parking Enforcement

Mike Krebs, the Division Manager for Parking Enforcement shares that Parking Enforcement is in the process of hiring 14 new parking enforcement officers, which means increased enforcement in NW.

Kathryn shares that metered areas get more coverage than non-metered areas. So once the meters expand in NW, enforcement will be increased.

Ron: Timbers games occur on weekends. He hears there's less than ideal coverage in the evenings. After 7pm you will mostly just have enforcement officers that come out when called for service.

Mike mentions that when he started with the bureau, he was told that the Timbers pay to have 6 parking enforcement officers in the district during Timbers games. Further research revealed the Timbers were not paying for additional enforcement during games so he discontinued hiring additional officers to cover games.

Mike explains that having extra enforcement officers out during game days causes labor issued and overtime pay because the majority of officer's work until 7pm. After he gets the labor challenges figured out (i.e. scheduling and overtime), he plans to ask the Timbers to fund two parking enforcement officers during game days.

Don asks if, prior to Mike's arrival, there was inadequate enforcement during Timbers games this year.

Mike answer no and explains there was adequate enforcement, but officers were being paid overtime with taxpayer money. Mike believes that if the Timbers are bringing fans into the neighborhood, they should be funding parking enforcement during game days. Last year, as a result of his findings, Mike reduced enforcement to two officers, as opposed to six due to lack of funding from the Timbers.

Rick asks what type of parking is enforced during Timbers games.

Mike answers that officers look for blocked fire-hydrants, truck zones, short-term parking and blocked driveway. He shares that he is open to listening to what the SAC needs/wants, while being mindful of limited resources and being equitable with coverage across the city.

Ricks asks if funds can be allocated for increased parking enforcement in NW. Mike answers that he would do research to figure out the details, but likely yes.

Ron believes that enforcement on nongame days is going well. Yet enforcement on game days isn't. He asks for Mike's perspective on what would be good game day rules to make enforcement/compliance more effective.

Mike says he will do research and get back to the SAC

Public Comment-- No public comment.

Budget Overview and ranking exercise

Kathryn shares a project ranking sheet. She plans to email this checklist in Excel format to all members in order to rank projects they support. She asks members to return their ranked files to her. Projects should be ranked by matter of importance in terms of the SAC's mission.

Additionally, Kathryn will share the budget – forecasted for 5 years.

Meeting adjourned.