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NW Parking SAC	Friendly House
January 15, 2020	1737 NW 26 th Ave.
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Portland, OR 97210

Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance

Nick Fenster (NHBA), Nancy DeLeo (NHBA), Karen Karlsson (NWDA), Jeanne Harrison (NWDA), Rick Michaelson (At-Large), Thomas Ranieri (NHBA), Peter Rose (At-Large), Don Singer (NHBA), Mark Stromme (At-Large), and Daniel Anderson (At-Large)

Members Absent

Brent Soffey (At-Large), Parker McNulty (NWDA), and Ron Walters (NWDA)

PBOT Staff

Kathryn Doherty-Chapman and Rae-Leigh Stark, NW Parking District Liaison

Speakers

Owen Ronchelli, Rick Williams Consulting

Public in Attendance

Amy Spreadborough, Allan Classen, and two other members from the public.

New Parking District Liaison

Kathryn introduces Rae-Leigh Stark, the new NW Parking District Liaison. Rae-Leigh shares her background in transportation and the SAC members introduce themselves.

NW Parking Study Report

Owen presents the NW Parking Study Report. Key takeaways below.

- Peak hour was between 12- 1pm (same as last year), peak occupancy declined to 82% from 85% last year. Permit users occupy 59% of stalls during peak hour.

- Occupancy increased in 4-hour meter or by permit (OBP) stalls from last year.
- 78% of users in 4-hour OBP stalls are permit holders.
- The average length of stay for non-permit users is 2 hours, 20 minutes.
- The average length of stay for permitted vehicles is 5 hours, 44 minutes.

Preliminary Recommendations

- Reduce permit allocation to 4,600
- Complete initiated 2018 stall reformatting (eliminate 1-hour stalls, expand meters)
- Change enforcement hours from 9am – 7pm to 10am – 8pm
- Eliminate option of plugging the meter

Members share the following comments:

- Members point out that the challenge with the report is that it averages parking occupancy across the district. Different areas of the neighborhood experience different parking challenges, average occupancy rates don't address the unique needs of certain neighborhood "hot spots."
- SAC members are interested in pursuing ways to measure how visitors come into the neighborhood and whether visitors are visiting businesses/institutions or residents.
- The neighborhood is growing, and the SAC needs to stay ahead of the growth when discussing permit distribution in upcoming years. The restrictions on newer buildings seems to be effective.
- One thing that should be discussed is opening up more metered spaces for permit holders.

SAC members are encouraged to send follow up questions or things for further analysis by the consultant team to Kathryn so we can get those going and bring to our March meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Quick Brief: Performance Based Parking Management

Kathryn shares that part of the Parking Management Plan adoption from a few years ago, City Council approved PBOT's idea to adopt a data-driven approach for performance-based

parking management. Essentially, the price for parking would adjust depending on parking demand in certain sub-districts.

These changes would apply throughout the entire city but managing such a program could prove challenging in NW because if parking occupancy rates are high due to permitted residents, it wouldn't make sense to increase the hourly price of parking.

Due to the technical details of implementing such a program in NW, Kathryn shares that she plans to discuss these details further with SAC members to ensure a solution is reached that meets everyone's needs. She plans to have two PBOT staff, Colleen Mossor and Chris Armes, discuss this at next month's meeting.

2019-20 Net Meter Revenue Budget Approval

Kathryn shares the 5-year budget forecast. She compiled the project rankings from all SAC members to create a master sheet of projects the committee would like to fund. The top 3 projects were pedestrian lighting improvements/implementation, followed by rebuilding 23rd and third was setting aside money to build off-street parking sometime in the future.

Regarding the NW in Motion projects, the top ranked by SAC members was NW Everett/Glisan corridor improvements – pedestrian and transit improvement projects like curb extensions, better sidewalks, lighting, etc.

Don: "From the feedback we're getting there were a lot of negative responses to NW in Motion and so when I look at the rankings and see that so much money is going to NW in Motion. I don't know what's in there that we're funding. Personally, I don't think any funding should go to NW in Motion based on the response we've received. There are certain things like the lightening project, but beyond that, the diverters on 24th and Vaughn has a lot of questions. Why are we giving them funding just because we have the money?"

Rick asks if Don would like to make a motion to omit specific projects from the budget.

Don: "I would like to have a discussion about it. We have the rankings, are we going to put more of that money that was allocated and reallocate based on those rankings."

Kathryn says she incorporated feedback from the last NW in Motion open house.

Jeanne shares concerns with allocating so much funding towards projects at this time and having such a small reserve left over. She would love to vote for a project that can be started so there is physical proof that funding is being allocated to improve the neighborhood.

Motion

Rick makes a motion to adopt the budget as proposed but defer decision on the Vaughn corridor and NW 25th/Westover project.

Tom seconds.

Mark abstained.

Motion approved.

Rick explains that Parking Enforcement proposed increasing enforcement during game days. The expected cost is \$40,000 for the season. The NW SAC was asked to pay for half, with the Timbers covering the second half.

At the last meeting, Mike Krebs shared that the Timbers are willing to pay for two parking enforcement officers during game days. If the SAC would like more officers, they would need to contribute funding.

This topic will be voted on at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.