Hello Carolyn,

Thank you kindly for your reply. I frequently park in the Mirror Pond parking lot (though find the first two hours free and then pay for more model semi-confusing in practice. Having a paid parking app where you can auto load time if you go over which is offered by several of the major parking meter companies now would be much easier).

My major concern is not the lack of parking or even paying for parking but the lack of half day / full day parking between and around other areas downtown. For instance, you have no options for 4/8/10 hour parking slots or lots outside of your two major lots, which are not all that close to much of down town if you are running between meetings.

I've worked and parked in other downtown munis for the past ten years and have only received two parking tickets (which I'm happy to pay as they are my fault), but I don't even live full time in Bend and I've received two parking tickets in the past two months.

It seems to me simple wi-fi connected, credit-card accepting parking meters with a phone app would be the best long-term, easy to implement solution while meeting the needs of modern business life and workflow. It also allows you to easily set expectations better with parking patrons and gives you the flexibility to have 2-hours meters in high-volume slots and 4/8/10 hour meters in lower demand spots that are closer than your other lots.

I realize in practice this is not an easy system to manage and changes take time. It just seems many people I talk too all agree the parking downtown is a mess and it could hopefully be improved with up-to-date parking meters (though I realize this too will probably make people angry, so maybe there is no true win-win, though I'd hope so).

Again, my biggest request is for 4/8 hour parking meetings around town a bit more.

Many thanks,
Kristian