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**Subject:** If you didn't sit down, was it standup?

Hey Carolyn,

I caught your act at the library last night at the OBNA meeting. You did a great job detailing the aspects of the downtown parking puzzle, and responding to questions. (Sorry to begin your email with a compliment, but recently someone very smart said it was a good thing to do.)

After the meeting, it occurred to me that you might be interested in a relative newcomer's take on parking.

- I know of one downtown underground parking structure (Franklin Crossing building), and only because my gym is in that building. As for where the others are, I have no idea. Now – what's the best way to get the word out to visitors and newbies? Oh, and we need to know if free parking is involved there, as well as other parking policies.

- I sometimes wonder if the City acts before it carefully considers the implications of its good intentions. You know, ready - fire - aim. I really feel for residents impacted by things like the floater shuttle area at Drake Park. We need to beef up the planning as well as fixing today's problems.

- My little street, St. Helens, does occasionally have overflow event parking, but it's not something I mind. People are out to enjoy the great weather and the event. They are generally courteous. I do realize how those with homes closer to Drake Park and downtown could get fed up with parking and traffic for months on end.

- It's only fair that City employees not clog the neighborhoods with their cars. At the same time, the City needs to help its employees to park responsibly. Help could take the form of an offsite parking lot and shuttle service to the offices (though I can hear screaming now about changes in *fill-in-the-blank*). Help could also mean a strict City policy prohibiting residential street parking, and consequences for noncompliance.

Finally, please don't be discouraged by the commenter in the back of the room last night – the one who said he'd heard it all before. I have a feeling that if anybody can move the rock forward, it will be you.

Best,

David Amack

P.S. It occurred to me that you use the word *stall*, while I've always said *space*. Stall must date back to parking your horse, which of course was always put in a stall. On the other hand, *space* has to do with the Russians and flying cars :-)

