

Meeting Summary

Downtown Parking Stakeholder Advisory Committee (DSAC)
Thursday, January 19, 2017
City Hall | City Council Chambers
710 NW Wall Street Bend, Oregon



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5:30 p.m. DSAC Meeting

Roll Call: Karen LeTourneau, Monte Payne, Brett Yost, Marie Matthews, Kevin English, Parry Thomas, Serena Dietrich, DeeDee Cochran, James Lewis, and Tom Fisher.

Staff: Carolyn Eagan

1. Introductions/Approve meeting notes

Skipped due to time constraints.

2. Community Input

None at this point.

3. Continue DSAC Brainstorm – Strategy Solutions Finalize DSAC Draft Recommendations Summary

11. Variable rate pricing for employee permits based on location, demand and availability of parking. Question as to how strategy 8 is different than 11. Crossed out premium. Took off specific strategies so as to not limit. 11 is specifically for employee permits. Create options and encouragement.
Approved.

12. Attrition number of 2 hour/otherwise specified on-street stalls. At first move, not necessarily decrease. Put program in place and see how it works over time. Don't just want to take away. Need to find options for employees first. Brett asked if attrition is a verb. Reduce and or Phase out. Marie asked about these spaces and if employees are in prime spaces. Yes, if sign allows. Over time reduce of on-street permits and stalls.
Approved.

13. Establish two distinct on-street zones. 2 hour base in core. 3 hour in east zone. Standard for zone, most stalls would be specified time which does not rule out 15 or 30 minute stalls if needed. Question was asked about Kansas, Broadway. etc. Also if all on-street 2 hour parking was free.
Decided to add a third zone, periphery zone (outside managed parking district). Using occupancy information/data. Include a map. A core. B East. C Periphery.

Marie stated that lots of who she represents want 3 hour. DeeDee agrees. Wants a possibility of 3 hours. Rick says should be based on data. Mirror Pond lots may free up. Discussion tabled at this time.

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14. Eliminate first 2 hours free and improve safety at Mirror Pond lots. This is only strategy that should be implemented right away. Rate change. DeeDee asked if they would they spill into park/neighborhoods? Kevin commented that can smoke in lots but not in parks. Not stating actual rates right now. Important to extend parking restrictions to 8 pm. Explore limiting time stay, not all day. Tom asked what might happen if Mirror Pond is dredged? Carolyn mentioned there is a chance the lots could disappear, however, no plans exists at this time. Plan as surface lots for 4 year period of study. Approved.

15. Create a critical path timeline to a new parking brand/log City lots and shared supplies. Marie asked why this is a separate strategy? Answer is that it is easier to implement. Approved.

16. Standardize design of on-street parking signage within the parking management district. If expand, can deal with residents through permits which already exist. Marie: Change wording from considering incorporating to incorporate. Tom: what if lot is unmarked. Answer: then not City owned parking. Will work to get signs up in private lots. Approved.

17. Rename all publically owned/controlled lots and garage by address. Kevin: question regarding Mirror Pond lots. Address where entrance is. Approved.

18. Deploy upgrade of on street parking signage. Deleted because redundant.

19. Establish best practice protocols and performance metrics for existing enforcement personnel and support enforcement with appropriate technology. Set metrics. 7% compliance rate and 80% coverage on tickets. Consider fees and fines by zone. Approved.

20. Expand bike parking network. Could be seasonal. On sidewalk. Seasonal corrals. Encourage employers to provide employee bike parking onsite. Marie: concerns with bikes on narrow sidewalks. There are areas that won't work. Serena: There are different options. Would need to do inventory of potential spots. Explore options. Add words where practical. Approved.

Following strategies are 2 years out:

21: Develop a reasonable schedule of on-going data collection. Could do samples. Would set up strategies 22 and 23. Kevin suggested to put in timelines. Rick: Will put in timelines and estimated costs. DeeDee: when can we implement urgent strategies like Mirror Pond. Can start implementation once approved. Can do Mirror Pond signs and fees immediately. Signs elsewhere will take time. Parking manager becomes critical to implement all this. Marie: apply 85% to each zone. Add per discreet zone.
Approved.

22. Evaluate on street pricing in high occupancy areas. (85%+). Really a feasibility study. If over 85%, implement on-street pricing during enforcement hours if financially feasible. Parry asked about enforcement hours.
Add words per discreet zone.
Approved.

23. (If on-street parking is priced per 22.) Eliminate free parking in public garage. 22 and 23 go together. Add enforcement hour wording. Add based on demand.
Approved. Put types of rates in narrative. Kevin and Monte want words clearer.

24. Upgrade/improve entryway identification signage at downtown Public Parking garage. DeeDee commented that need to look at plowing. Combined with 25.
Approved.

25. Install parking stall counter system in Public Parking garage. Serena asked about accuracy of counter systems.

Improve safety, evaluate lighting, flow. Rick combine 24 and 25 and add safety and appearance. Would be nice to start earlier. Bring back new bullet point. Add in pedestrian access.
Approved.

26. Solicit firms to establish wayfinding and dynamic signage systems. Bigger ticket items. Do evaluation and identify options.
Approved.

27. Evaluate and implement solutions to safety impediments. Whole system. Bigger than garage. Sidewalks, lighting, etc.
Approved.

28. Explore expanding access capacity with new parking supply and/or transit. May find creative opportunities to do this earlier. Can be temporary. Marie: do we want to move up in timeframe so combines with employee permits. Satellite parking. Anne: 28 is more about when run out of parking. Karen: Also special events. Add something to strategy 11.
Table for now.

29. Develop cost forecasts and for preferred parking supply and transit/shuttle options. Add methods of financing.
Approved.

30. Initiate new capacity expansion. When capacity is reached.
Approved.

Next steps: Will finalize edits into final version. Will be in red so can review changes. Come to meeting having read before hand. February meeting agree to endorse as own. First 20 minutes to finalize. Take all redline to black. Then public engagement plan. Carolyn: recommendation to Council. Then digest their feedback. Then finalize into report.

4. Public Engagement Check-in

Bring to Council in draft form and then to public. **Talk to folks you represent.** Reach out now. Talk big picture. You have advantage of whole process. **Think about who we need to reach out to and how.** Targeted public engagement in March, April, and May. Then will get public Asked for a small introductory script that they can use. Anne will create. Will do learning component. Kevin asked who is communicating with Bulletin. Rick said he has been contacted. We need a strategy to engage. They are an important stakeholder.

Brett asked if there are any instance where downtowns have been killed when starting to charge for parking. None, but needs to be a well developed and supported plan.

Create right messaging. DSAC editorial? Where we started, what we have done and where we are going. Phill asked if Bulletin calls members, should they field call. Kevin: not as individuals because represent different groups. Needs to come back to City or Consultants. Add to strategy.

5. Community Input

None.

6. Adjourned at 7:30.