

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**FIRST HILL PARKING WORKGROUP**  
**MARCH 2, 2004**  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**6:00 – 7:30 PM**

**ATTENDEES**

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Mike Brewer, resident  
Tamara Bunnell, resident  
Kristin O'Donnell, Yesler Terrace  
Community Council  
Linda Johnson, Harborview Medical Center  
Stephen Jones, First Baptist Church  
Karen Lee Kimber, Swedish Medical Center

Esta Pekow, First Hill Stewardship  
Committee  
Michael Sletten, Seattle University  
John Stowell, resident  
Randy Wiger, Seattle Department of  
Transportation

Notes prepared by Randy Wiger, SDOT

**ACTION ITEMS**

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- SDOT staff will notify workgroup members when the updated documents are posted on the First Hill section of the Making the Parking System Work webpage.
- SDOT staff will investigate adding on-street parking to the west of the bus zone on E Yesler Way between 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Boren Avenue.
- SDOT staff will assist Linda of Harborview Medical Center in continuing the conversation about converting the Medical Examiner-only spaces on S Alder to Disabled parking spaces.
- SDOT staff will prepare an on-street inventory for the next meeting that identifies blocks that could be added to the RPZ, blocks that could be considered for extending the RPZ into evening hours, and blocks that are currently unrestricted that could be converted to some type of time restriction.
- SDOT will notify Harborview Medical Center (Linda) beforehand when any new or modified RPZ signs are ready to be installed.
- SDOT will develop a more detailed scope of work for the community-initiated projects and will attempt to identify several possible organizations that could administer both the work and the funding contracts from SDOT for these projects.
- Linda will look into translation services that Harborview Medical Center uses and report back to the workgroup.

**UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS**

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Kristin reported that line # 4 of the matrix chart has become outdated as once construction is complete it has been decided that load zones will be installed in front of the new Yesler Terrace Community Center. Randy reported that he had identified which blocks line # 12 and 13 refer to, and will be able to proceed with their implementation. Randy will update the First Hill Parking Implementation Matrix to reflect these changes.

4	Goal #1: Adjust Zone 7 RPZ:	a) <del>Make Changes to existing Zone 7 RPZ: iv. Extend Zone 7 on Yesler Avenue to include in front of the Yesler Terrace Community Center. (23)</del>	<del>Petition process needed to gather signatures of 60% of residents on blocks to be added to the RPZ.</del>	<del>Pending community action (petition).</del>	<del>Process petitions as they received.</del>
12	Goal #2: Improve Usage of On-street Parking:	a) Consolidate, shorten or eliminate load, bus or no-parking zones: vi. On <b>Summit Seneca between Seneca Summit and University (north)</b> : Shorten the bus zone. (18)	On the Routes 2, 3 and 4, 12 and 27, SDOT will work with King County Metro to increase the spacing of bus stops from one per every one/two blocks to one per every three blocks.	In progress.	SDOT is contacting Metro to investigate the possibility of shortening the zone (March 2004).
13	Goal #2: Improve Usage of On-street Parking:	a) Consolidate, shorten or eliminate load, bus or no-parking zones: vii. On <b>Boylston b/t Seneca and University Spring</b> (west side): Remove three load zones for vacant building (and replace with time-limit signs or parking meters). (19)	SDOT staff will investigate and, if possible, implement this strategy.	In progress.	SDOT staff will remove the load zones and replace with 2-hour meters consistent with the rest of the block (March 2004).

**DEVELOP SCOPE OF WORK FOR COMMUNITY-INITIATED SHORT-TERM GOAL ITEMS**

Randy indicated he had completed the field work to create an inventory of blocks that could be added to the RPZ, blocks that could be considered for extending the RPZ into evening hours, and blocks that are currently unrestricted that could be converted to some type of time restriction. He will have this ready to present to the workgroup at the next meeting.

The workgroup began a discussion about developing a scope of work for hiring a petitioner to expand the RPZ and convert unrestricted blocks. Below is a list of skills, issues, and concerns to consider which the workgroup developed. Some discussion occurred about possibly developing an arrangement with Seattle University to either hire students to do the work or use a work-study format. Randy suggested that funds available to the First Hill workgroup for these tasks were sufficient to hire a professional petition-gatherer. The *Making the Parking System Work* program has funding through the end of 2004, but is less sure of what may be available in 2005. He added that it might be a priority for the workgroup to choose a means to accomplish the task that would result in the workgroup getting highly satisfactory results in what they want to accomplish and to do so in the timeliest and most reliable manner possible.

Work would require:

- a) Highly developed interaction and communication skills, perhaps previous sales experience.
- b) Self-starter, ability to perform tasks with minimal supervision and perseverance.
- c) Procurement of a vendor badge from the City to provide reasonable identification when going door-to-door.
- d) An ability to communicate information multi-lingually either verbally or in-print, possibly including Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- e) Working on blocks and in buildings that may have above average public safety issues – Randy suggested that on those blocks he could accompany the petition-gatherer so that they would not be working alone.
- f) An estimate of up to six hours per typical 15- 20 unit apartment building to achieve signatures of 60% of units.

Linda will look into translation services that Harborview Medical Center uses and report back to the workgroup. Linda would also like to be notified beforehand whenever the work is done and before any new or modified RPZ signs are ready to be installed.

The workgroup spent a brief amount of time discussing the Outreach and Education scope of work and explored the idea of possibly creating a booklet to educate residents (and others) about the various parking and access opportunities and issues in First Hill. This kind of product, along with a marketing campaign, might lend itself to coordinating with a student class project at Seattle University. Randy agreed to use the items in the discussion to develop a more detailed scope of work for both these projects and to attempt to identify several possible organizations that could administer both the work and the funding contracts from SDOT for these projects.

#### **GENERAL ITEMS**

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1. *Esta announced that the First Hill Improvement Association had selected working to extend the Ride Free Zone as a priority for their efforts this year.*
2. *Linda announced that the start of new construction for Harborview Medical Center will be delayed until December 2004.*
3. *John asked for line # 22 (Install wayfinding signs to on- and off-street parking) if the signs could use some type of standardized appearance instead of the text-only signs that Wells Fargo Bank (on Madison) uses to direct its customers to its lot. Randy said yes, the signs could use the “P” inside a circle logo and an arrow that the City has installed in other neighborhoods.*
4. *Several attendees commented that, in addition to the public pay parking available in the Swedish lot accessed from Boylston just south of Madison, there is also public pay parking available in the lot behind the Rite Aid Drug Store (on Madison).*

5. *Linda indicated she believes there is a compelling rationale for converting the currently signed "Medical Examiner-only" spaces on S Alder (at Harborview's south side) to Disabled Parking-only, and would like to continue this conversation with SDOT.*
6. *Kristin asked if on E Yesler Way between 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Boren Avenue it would be possible to add on-street parking to the west of the bus zone there. She added that this portion of E Yesler is four lanes and it looks like it should be possible to do this. Randy said he would investigate this and report back to the workgroup.*

**NEXT MEETING**

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The workgroup agreed to meet again on April 6, 2004, at the First Baptist Church.

**Meeting Adjourned**