

MEETING SUMMARY
12TH AVENUE PARKING WORKGROUP
MARCH 3, 2004
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
ANIMALS CAFÉ

ATTENDEES

Jim Carey, resident
Michael Fry, Seattle Academy
Karen Lee Kimber, Swedish Hospital
Jerry Pederson, Seattle University

Bill Zosel, resident
Mary Catherine Snyder, Seattle Department
of Transportation (SDOT)
Randy Wiger, SDOT

Notes taken by Randy Wiger

ACTION ITEMS

- SDOT staff will follow up with Seattle Academy to arrange designating the bus load zone on the south side of their property (E Spring at 12th Avenue) to be regular 2-hour parking during the summers.
- SDOT staff will investigate if there are opportunities to include the portions of the Zone 7 Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) in the 12th Avenue area in the request initiated by the First Hill Parking Workgroup to add evening hours to the existing RPZ.
- SDOT is investigating the feasibility and desirability of adding 2-hour restrictions to currently unrestricted blocks on E Jefferson and will inform the workgroup of its findings.
- SDOT is investigating the feasibility and desirability of adding metered parking on the blocks of east-west side streets immediately adjacent to 12th Avenue (such as on E Columbia, E Cherry, and E Jefferson) and will inform the workgroup of its findings.
- SDOT staff will create a list of load zones that have been in place longer than five years.

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT

Randy welcomed workgroup members after the hiatus and distributed the 12th Avenue Parking Implementation Matrix. The Matrix shows a line-by-line list of the workgroup's recommendations broken down by block.

ADD ANGLED PARKING

Of the seven blocks on which the workgroup proposed installing angled parking only one block had the conditions necessary for success. Four of the seven blocks are adjacent to Hospital Central Services, and their representatives Paul Burger and Kathy Kernan attended the April 15, 2003, workgroup meeting to explain the negative impacts to their operations should angled parking be installed on those blocks. On two other blocks, one is not wide enough to permit angled parking, and a major property owner on the other (Qwest) did not support installing angled parking adjacent to their lot because it would unacceptably limit their large trucks' access to their lot entrance. The block that SDOT was successful in collecting the necessary petition signatures for (13th Avenue between E Jefferson and E Cherry) will have the angled parking

installed at the completion of the street construction currently underway on 12th Avenue, projected to be late April/early May.

LOAD ZONE ITEMS

There are six load zone-related recommendations. Two of the items associated with encouraging business owners to remove unnecessary load zones were completed last year, and what remains is for the workgroup to divide up the list of businesses and phone or visit them with a direct request to complete a third item. Seattle University is continuing to actively use the load zone on 13th Avenue at E Cherry, so it will remain as is. The load zone on 12th Avenue at E Cherry will not be restored once construction is completed. Michael indicated during today's meeting that Seattle Academy would be willing to allow the bus load zone on the south side of their property (E Spring at 12th Avenue) to be regular 2-hour parking during the summers. Randy will follow-up with Michael to achieve this. The workgroup asked Randy if he could create a list of load zones that have been in place longer than five years as a way to prioritize which load zone may be more likely to be no longer needed.

RPZ ADJUSTMENTS

Of the five RPZ recommendations, two have been completed: last year SDOT created a chart of permit issuance in Zones 2 and 7 and presented it to the workgroup (February 4, 2003), and the RPZ has been added to the 1200 block of E James Street. On decreasing time limits for non-permit holders to 0 hours during Zone hours, SDOT views this as an extreme step, and would use it very rarely. To add evening hours to the existing RPZs, an RPZ Study is required. Randy said that a similar proposal to add evening hours to the Zone 7 RPZ in the area west of Broadway has been requested by the First Hill Parking Workgroup, and he will investigate if there are opportunities to include the portions of the Zone 7 RPZ in the 12th Avenue area in this request. The last RPZ item (adding 13th Avenue south of E Barclay) will be done when the construction on 12th Avenue is completed.

ADD TIME RESTRICTIONS

Many of the time restriction recommendations have been implemented (such as on James Court) or will be when construction on 12th Avenue is completed (such as converting unrestricted blocks on 12th Avenue north of E Jefferson to 2-hour restrictions). Two-hour restrictions will also be added to the west side of 13th Avenue between E Cherry and E Columbia, but not the east side because a major property owner (Qwest) did not support doing so as it would reduce the on-street supply of spaces in which their employees could park during their shifts. SDOT is investigating the feasibility and desirability of adding 2-hour restrictions to currently unrestricted blocks on E Jefferson and will inform the workgroup of its findings. Finally, to add time restrictions on 12th Avenue south of E Jefferson, community initiative will be needed. SDOT is interested in learning if there are any residents or businesses on 12th Avenue south of E Jefferson who are supportive of adding time restrictions to the mostly unrestricted blocks here.

ADD METERED PARKING

SDOT will respond to the workgroup's interest in installing metered parking on 12th Avenue from E Madison to E Jefferson by re-deploying meters that have been replaced by pay stations. SDOT believes that enough meters will be available to install on 12th Avenue by May 2004, following the completion of construction. SDOT will investigate the feasibility and desirability

of adding metered parking on the blocks of east-west side streets immediately adjacent to this section of 12th Avenue (such as on E Columbia, E Cherry, and E Jefferson), and will inform the workgroup of its findings. Adding meters on 12th Avenue south of E Jefferson would require a similar expression of community initiative as adding time restrictions on these blocks.

OTHER ITEMS

SDOT is conducting a policy review this year to recommend that the City exercise the option of reducing to 4-hours the length of time a vehicle with a disabled placard can park. This will help to address the issue identified by the 12th Avenue Parking Workgroup of long-term use of on-street spaces by vehicles with Disabled Permits when the spaces are intended for short-term use. SDOT has contacted the area Crime Prevention Coordinator to work with the residents of the 1200 block of E James Court on their interest in prohibiting overnight parking to assist in addressing car camping concerns there.

12TH AVENUE METER INSTALLATION

Mary Catherine (SDOT) presented information about the planned meter installation on 12th Avenue from E Madison to E Jefferson once construction is completed. She indicated she would like to inform other community groups in the area of the planned installation, and workgroup members agreed to provide her with contact information and meeting times of the 12th Avenue Stewardship Council, the Squire Park Community Council, and a student/staff forum at Seattle University.

NEXT MEETING

The group agreed to meet next on April 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and agreed to accept the offer of the Ginger Lime Restaurant to host.

Meeting Adjourned