

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PARKING WORKGROUP**  
**APRIL 7, 2004**  
**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**  
**GINGER LIME RESTAURANT, 732 12TH AVENUE**

**ATTENDEES**

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Jim Carey, resident  
Paul Jeney, Spruce Park  
Anna Nguyen, Ginger Lime

Jerry Pederson, Seattle University  
Bill Zosel, resident  
Randy Wiger, SDOT

Notes taken by Randy Wiger, SDOT

**ACTION ITEMS**

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- SDOT staff will work to extend the hours of the bus zone adjacent to Seattle Academy on E Spring Street to 6:00 p.m.
- SDOT staff will check load zone # 17 at Mother's Place Daycare (1118 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and verify whether it is a Commercial Load Zone and whether it is still needed.
- SDOT staff will work to remove load zones #13 and 18 and convert them to parking spaces as appropriate.
- SDOT staff will assist in requesting that 2-hour time restrictions 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. be installed on the north side and the western end of the south side of James Court between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Seattle University will send an e-mail to SDOT indicating support for installing 2-hour restrictions on James Court.
- Jim will work with the Crime Prevention Coordinator to draft a letter supporting the installation of 2-hour restrictions on James Court.
- SDOT staff will convey observations about PEO behavior to the PEO Supervisor.
- Paul will set up a meeting with residents along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of E Jefferson, and invite SDOT to attend to explore changes to parking on this portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT**

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**12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE METER INSTALLATION OUTREACH**

Randy provided an update on items in the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Implementation Matrix. He and Mary Catherine Snyder (SDOT) attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Council (a node in the Central Area Neighborhood Plan) as part of outreach for the planned 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Meter installation. Randy and Mary Catherine will also be attending the Squire Park Community Council meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Neighborhood Plan Stewardship Council also indicated support for the idea of extending the hours of the Zone 7 RPZ into the evening (this idea had been raised at the previous 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Workgroup meeting in March). Jerry said that Seattle University does have evening classes that often start at 5:30 p.m. and go until either 7:00 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. and these could be generating some evening traffic.

### **SEATTLE ACADEMY BUS ZONE**

Randy had responded to the request by Michael Fry of Seattle Academy to investigate the possibility of signing the bus load zone alongside the Academy on E Spring Street (at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to be 2-hour parking or possibly even RPZ during the summer, and then signed as a bus zone during the school year (this is in the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Implementation Matrix on line #14 in “Load Zone” section). Michael also had expressed interest in having the bus zone hours extended until 6:00 p.m. since school events use buses until then (current zone hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Randy had determined that the cost of changing the signs is \$100 per sign per change-out. Therefore three signs being changed twice a year (once each at the beginning and end of summer) would be \$600 per year, and this cost would be borne by the institution. Michael felt the cost was prohibitive. Randy will follow up with appropriate SDOT staff to get the bus zone hours extended.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Implementation Matrix is essentially the same as it was in March, with the exception of the above items. Most of the items on the Matrix will be implemented following the end of the street improvement construction on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is anticipated to be complete in late April or early May 2004.

### **LOAD ZONES IN THE 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AREA**

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At their March meeting the workgroup had requested to learn which of the thirty-one load zone identified on the February 2003 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Load Zone Inventory had been in place longer than five years. The workgroup is assuming that load zones installed less than five years ago have a greater likelihood of continuing to serve a needed use for an adjacent property or business, whereas zones that have been in place longer than five years are more likely to no longer be serving a needed use and are therefore more likely candidates for being converted to parking spaces. The workgroup is interested in concentrating its efforts where they would get the most results. Randy had researched this request and provided the group with a list of load zones more than five years old. All but five of the thirty-one load zones are more than five years old (the five that are newer than five years are # 9, 10, 11, 12, and 15 on the Load Zone Inventory).

Jerry consulted the Inventory, and indicated the following load zones adjacent to Seattle University could be removed:

- #13 on the 900 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue – west side (at Marion)
- #18 on the 1000 block of Madison – south side (at 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

All other load zones listed on the Inventory that are adjacent to Seattle University are still serving needed uses and should not be removed.

Randy will check load zone # 17 at Mother’s Place Daycare (1118 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue). The workgroup noted that it is listed as a Commercial Load Zone and this seems inconsistent with the nature of the business.

## **JAMES COURT TIME RESTRICTIONS**

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Jim raised the issue of installing 2-hour time restrictions 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (consistent with neighboring blocks) on James Court between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Currently this block is unrestricted except for the Zone 7 RPZ installed mid-block on the south side adjacent to three single-family homes; the RPZ allows 2-hour parking during Zone hours. Jerry said that Seattle University would support installing 2-hour time restrictions on the north side of this block adjacent to S. U. property which was slated for redevelopment this year (but which has been pushed back possibly until next year). On the western end of the south side of this block is property currently owned by the City of Seattle. Randy will investigate and pursue installing 2-hour time restrictions at this location. Jim will work with the Crime Prevention Coordinator for this area, Sonja Richter, in drafting a letter supporting these changes. The workgroup agreed to see how well the installation of 2-hour restrictions during the day works in reducing the car camping currently occurring there before considering making a request to install “No Parking 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.” similar to the nearby block of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

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The workgroup requested that enforcement efforts be increased along 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue when the meters on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue are installed. They also have observed that Parking Enforcement Officers (PEOs) appear to primarily patrol the north/south streets in the area and seem to neglect the east/west streets. Randy will convey this information to the PEO Supervisor.

Paul indicated that some neighbors in the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue area south of E Jefferson are interested in exploring changes to parking on this portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and agreed to set up a meeting with interested parties and invite Randy to attend. Bill provided Randy a copy of an e-mail from Drew, a resident near 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of E Jefferson, that expresses an interest in having meters installed on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of E Jefferson and which describes the negative impacts of business activities of an auto repair business located on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fir Street.

## **NEXT MEETING**

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The group agreed to meet on an “as needed” basis with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ginger Lime Restaurant (732 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue between E Cherry and E Columbia Street). The various on-street changes that will be implemented after construction on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue is complete should also be finished, and the workgroup can assess these changes at this next meeting.

## **Meeting Adjourned**