

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
COLUMBIA CITY PARKING WORKGROUP
SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
COLUMBIA CITY LIBRARY
7:00 – 8:00 PM**

ATTENDEES

Suzanne Carlson, Bikeworks
Monica Hiatt, Resident

Tracy Krawczyk, Seattle Department of
Transportation (SDOT)
Meghan Shepard, SDOT

ACTION ITEMS

- Meghan will prepare draft survey questions and distribute to parking workgroup members by mid-October. Comments will be collected via email, mail, and phone.
- A meeting will be schedule for late October/early November to finalize the questions and develop an outreach strategy.

MEETING SUMMARY

As the goal of the meeting was to focus on defining Columbia City’s parking problem, attendees undertook the completion a “Parking Definition Worksheet” with the following results:

Problems & Indicators	Potential Causes	Potential Solutions	Workgroup Priorities (High-Med-Low)	Timeline (Short-Term, Long-Term)
Inadequate on-street parking in residential areas during school, commercial and community events.	Beatwalk, Farmer’s Market, Sunday’s Bazaar, ArtWalk.	Explore opportunities for additional on-street parking, shared parking, improved identification of off-street parking.		
Perceived or actual inadequate on-street parking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Underutilized on-street parking supply ▪ Employees parking in on-street spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create new on-street parking opportunities (load zones, angled parking or 2nd Orca load zone?) ▪ Explore Access program similar to U-District’s Transportation Options ▪ Education to employers/visitors 		

Double-parking, "haywire parking"	Inadequate short-term spaces, poorly marked spaces.	More short-term spaces, better street markings and signage.		ST
Difficult traffic flow around Orca school during bus loading times		Improved signage		ST

The theme that emerged from the meeting was to pursue a two-pronged course of action: Fix & Prepare. The "fix" element is similar to the "on-street management" items described above and includes looking for opportunities to change on-street regulations to improve parking for customers in the business core and address adjacent residential parking needs. The "prepare" element is longer-reaching and is aimed at enlisting and educating Columbia City's stakeholders about the impacts and solutions resulting from future land use changes and impacts from the Edmunds light rail station.

In the "fix" vein, it was agreed that education and outreach to the business community would be undertaken before any on-street regulations were changed. For the "prepare" element, Monica wished to see better residential outreach undertaken combined with the creation of a "mission statement" or "statement of intent" that will build off the neighborhood plan and continue to guide participants today and throughout the next few years. She liked the idea that there would be group consensus on the statement of intent between the residential and business stakeholders so that a participant could leave and return to the group knowing the same end goals were still being sought.

For these reasons, priorities and timelines were not assigned to the different workplan items until additional outreach is performed.

So, next steps are to set up a late-October meeting to review draft survey questions to be administered to area-residents and business people. The purpose of the survey will be to better define people's perception of the parking problem. Originally, Monica and Suzanne discussed holding another event similar to the June "kick-off meeting", but they decided that input could be gathered through a short survey. Monica is interested in undertaking door-to-door solicitation of her neighbor's input. Suzanne suggested distributing the green "Citizen's Guide to Parking Management" to members of the business community.