

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
COLUMBIA CITY PARKING WORKGROUP
FEBRUARY 4, 2003
COLUMBIA CITY LIBRARY
7:00 – 8:00 PM**

ATTENDEES

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Notes taken by Randy Wiger

ACTION ITEMS

- City staff will follow-up with those survey respondents who provided contact information and ask, “When you come to or visit Columbia City how long do you typically stay?”
- City staff will consult with SDOT’s Traffic Controls group to determine what type of opportunity exists to increase parking supply by designating streets as one-way to permit angled-parking on each side.
- City staff will determine the same increase in parking spaces for angled parking and in-fill.
- City staff will verify the number of parking spaces that exist in the Columbia City business district.
- City staff will be on-hand at annual the Town Hall meeting on March 15, but a citizen should be the main presenter. City staff will provide an Executive Summary of the *Columbia City Neighborhood Parking Survey*.
- The next meeting should be held a week or two after the Town Hall meeting on March 15.

MEETING SUMMARY

Columbia City Parking Survey Results Presented

After introductions, Meghan presented the results of the *Columbia City Neighborhood Parking Survey*. Discussion followed about the range of comments received on topics from parking to safety to traffic flow. Meghan commented that, at a future meeting, the workgroup could request the attendance of Traffic Management staff to discuss left-turn and traffic flow issues on Rainier Ave S.

City of Seattle 2003 Meter Installation Project Update

Meghan informed the workgroup that, for the time being, Columbia City is not being considered as a neighborhood for meter installation in 2003. Additionally, the City may not install the previously proposed 1,600 meters. Instead, the 300 in-stock meters may be installed with a primary focus being put on deploying new meter technology in the City. It is likely that there will be changes coming to the current meter installation process with less of an emphasis on

gathering petition signatures and more on a general community process to determine the appropriateness of meter installation.

Angled Parking & One-Way Street Inquiry

Frank shared the diagrams of angled parking created a few years ago by SDOT Traffic Controls staff. At that time, Frank did undertake the process of gathering petitions to convert parallel to back-in angled parking. The candidates for angled parking, as shown in the SDOT drawings, are S. Hudson, S. Ferdinand, S. Edmunds, and S. Angeline.

The workgroup discussed other opportunities for creating new parking spaces out of existing load zones, no-parking areas, and by building curb cut-outs, particularly on Rainier for Library drop-off. Another idea discussed was how to designate employee-parking areas to remove employee cars from customer parking spaces. Frank would like to know how many stalls currently exist in Columbia City. When asked to define the Columbia City business corridor, the workgroup identified it as along Rainier Ave S. from Alaskan to Dawson and extending from one block to the west and one-half a block to the east. Columbia Plaza to S. Edmunds is the area in which most people try to park.

Additional comments were made concerning the desirability of examining the long-term impact of creating new parking spaces in preparation for the impact of light rail. However, the most pressing issue the workgroup sees at this time is the need to increase the supply of parking spaces in Columbia City, preferably those that are free of charge. Karen expressed desire to increase security at the privately-owned lots as a way to increase their attractiveness and use. City staff can bring this concern to the attention of the Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Columbia City area.

Presentation at Upcoming Annual Town Meeting on March 15, 2003

The Columbia City Revitalization Committee (CCRC) will host an annual town meeting at the Freeway Hall – this is an opportunity to present info about parking and results from the *Columbia City Neighborhood Parking Survey* to the public. According to Karen, usually 75 to 150 people attend. There was discussion about who will present the parking information, but no firm resolution reached. Meghan said that City staff can be on-hand to answer questions, but any presentation would best be made by a member of the workgroup. She will contact other workgroup participants to see who can attend.

Note: the Columbia City Business Association meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Burdick's.

Meeting Adjourned