

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**FIRST HILL PARKING WORKGROUP**  
**SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2003**  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**6:00 – 7:30 PM**

**ATTENDEES**

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Judi Carter, Yesler Terrace	John Valentine, PolyClinic
Linda Johnson, Harborview Medical Center	Meghan Shepard, Seattle Department of
Stephen Jones, First Baptist Church	Transportation (SDOT)
Karen Lee Kimber, Swedish Medical Center	Randy Wiger, SDOT
Kristin O'Donnell, Yesler Terrace Community Council	Notes prepared by Randy Wiger
Esta Pekow, First Hill Stewardship Committee	

**ACTION ITEMS**

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- SDOT staff will investigate the status and/or plans to create bike lanes on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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**First Hill Parking Action Strategy**

Meghan introduced the draft First Hill Parking Action Strategy and led the workgroup in reviewing it for relevancy and accuracy. A community parking forum will be held in late September or early October to share the Parking Action Strategy with the larger community. Tonight's meeting is the last regular workgroup meeting, though the workgroup may meet again if needed.

**REVIEW OF FIRST HILL PARKING ACTION STRATEGY**

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The workgroup reviewed each goal for accuracy and relevance.

**SHORT-TERM GOALS:**

**Goal #1: Adjust Zone 7 RPZ** - Kristin said that Yesler Terrace is supportive of this recommendation and will write a letter to initiate a review to expand the hours of the Zone 7 RPZ. SDOT staff will check the blocks listed under the fifth bullet in the strategy for this goal to make sure they are all eligible for being included in the RPZ.

**Goal #2: Improve Usage of On-street Parking** - Comment: Yesler Terrace residents need Load Zones for Access Vans. They can request Load Zones by calling 684-ROAD.

**Goal #3: Install Parking Directional Signs** - Comment: Swedish Medical Center previously removed a parking wayfinding sign located between the Nordstrom Tower public parking area

and Swedish's Emergency Room because it created confusion for people attempting to find the public parking area.

**Goal #4: Improve Enforcement Efforts** - The workgroup indicated they would like the following sentences removed from this recommendation: "Avoid deliberately-concentrated enforcement efforts in the residential parking zone that primarily impact residents - not outside offenders. Allow changes to the RPZ (Short-Term Goal #1) to go into effect before increasing enforcement levels."

**Goal #5: Improve Short-Term Parking by Installing Meters** - No changes.

**Goal #6: Improve Construction Notices** - The workgroup wanted this item changed to a Long-term recommendation.

**MID-TERM GOALS:**

**Goal #7: Reduce Handicap Placard Time Limits** - No changes.

**Goal #8: Create a Mixed-Use RPZ** - Workgroup members agreed that First Hill would love to be the site of a pilot program for combining RPZs with meters.

**Goal #9: Convert Planting Strips to Parking** - Workgroup agreed to remove the sixth bullet which reads "On Jefferson between 9<sup>th</sup> and Terry (north side): Formalize 15-minute parking spaces on the planting strip or eliminate them through enforcement." The workgroup also wants to move this recommendation to Long-Term items.

**Goal #10: Add Evening Meter Hours** - No changes.

**LONG-TERM GOALS:**

**Goal #11: Promote Busing, Biking, and Walking** - Meghan will clarify the language on this recommendation.

**Goal #12: Increase Bus Service** - No changes.

**Goal #13: Create Transportation Education and Parking Validation Program** - The workgroup agreed to combine this item with recommendation #11.

**Goal #14: Increase Lot Sharing** - No changes.

**Goal #15: Create a Transportation Management Association** - No changes.

**Goal #16: Regularly Monitor Parking Needs and Adjust as Needed** - Workgroup agreed to move the strategies for this Goal to Recommendation #6 (Improve Usage of On-street Parking) and eliminate this goal.

**Goal #17: Increase Institutional Shuttle Services** - Linda wanted to clarify the strategy under the first bullet should be revised to indicate that any spaces at Harborview that may be made available during the evening for the public would not be free parking. The workgroup agreed to move this Goal to Mid-Term recommendations.

**Goal #18: Encourage Preservation Parking** - The workgroup noted an apparent contradiction in this recommendation between the following:

- the trend in DCLU towards unbundling parking in residential development (i.e., charging a fee for a parking space separate from the apartment rental fee);
- the trend in DCLU towards reducing the parking requirements for residential development (i.e., reducing the minimum number of parking spaces per unit which must be provided); and
- the creation of preservation parking.

If you create incentives for residents to either park on the street or not own a car, and you reduce the number of parking spaces available to residents in a building on the one hand, then this is at odds with "preserving" existing surface lots when a parcel is developed by encouraging the developer to provide the same number of parking spaces in the building's parking design and make them available to the public. However the workgroup did not recommend changing this goal.

## **OTHER TOPICS**

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### Related Questions and Comments:

1. *Discussion of about getting more Flexcars located in First Hill, especially south First Hill, and about the need for promotion of and education about Flexcar to First Hill residents. Some comments about using the City's Flexcar credits to locate a Flexcar in Yesler Terrace. Kristin shared that Flexcar may not be an ideal option for many Yesler Terrace residents due to irregular work schedules or limited English-speaking skills. John expressed his opposition to subsidies of anything on an on-going basis, and wondered if Flexcar credits could be used to make Flexcar available to a wider range of First Hill residents.*
2. *Meghan agreed to make a map that shows what First Hill Parking regulations would look like after the Short-Term recommendations are implemented.*
3. *Kristin asked what ever happened to the effort to get bike lanes on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue - is this idea dead? Meghan said she thought it was still planned, and will find out what the status is.*
4. *Comments were raised as to whether Flexcar could be used as shuttle since they have vans in their fleet. Could we get around insurance issues present with the UW/Harborview shuttle system (Harborview gets their shuttle insurance costs done to \$7.50 a day by insourcing)?*

## **NEXT MEETING**

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Meghan will e-mail the workgroup to select a date for the Parking Forum and work out details.

**Meeting Adjourned**