

## Parking Advisory Committee

### Meeting Notes: September 14, 2010

Members Present: Judy Eagleson, Tammy Mattson, Bill Austin, Dale Rudolph, Linda Berry-Maraist, Jeff Bauman (Chair)

Members Absent: Julie Krucek, Sally Kvam, Angela Bennink, Tony DeCarlo, Craig Hammond, Rick Cadwell

Others Present: Janetmarie Valiga, Phil Swenson

#### Update Since Prior Meeting:

Jeff Bauman met with Mayor Erickson to discuss the Committee's desire to implement additional on-street parking along the east side of Jensen Way between Iverson and Sunset. The Mayor supports this proposal and intends to have staff re-stripe the pavement accordingly. But she plans to do this after the move to the new City Hall has occurred and the mail drop box has been moved from Jensen to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. To avoid public confusion, the Mayor wants to implement these changes all at once (rather than have interim arrangements for such a short period of time).

Jeff also contacted Janetmarie Valiga to better understand her concerns and suggestions regarding handicapped parking. Janetmarie concurs with the concept of reconfiguring Anderson Parkway such that each of the handicapped parking stalls would be accessible to the waterfront park and downtown businesses by means of marked pedestrian walkways and sidewalks. She also concurs with the proposal to have handicapped van parking stalls along King Harald Vei, which is immediately across the street from the Senior Center and accessible by crosswalks. Janetmarie believes it would also benefit handicapped people, the Port, and visitors to downtown Poulsbo if the current parking area at the foot of Hostmark (between the Marine Science Center and the restaurants) were developed into a multi-level parking garage serving the south end of the downtown area.

Jeff (B) distributed a copy of an email sent by Jeff Tolman expressing concern about the reconfiguration of Anderson Parkway. Engineering staff is following up with Jeff (T) to resolve the concern.

#### Key Findings:

The Committee discussed the first draft of the key findings to be included in the Committee's report to the Mayor and City Council. In general, the Committee felt the draft findings understated the extent of consensus that had been reached over the course of our deliberations. Jeff will revise the findings accordingly for further review by the Committee.

#### Recommendations:

In the course of editing the key findings, a few potential recommendations began to take shape and will be further discussed at our next meeting. Suggestions included:

- Making it possible for businesses that serve alcoholic beverages to issue a free-parking pass to patrons who have taken a cab because they cannot safely drive their car home.
- Implementing a fee for certain types of parking. As an example, parking might be free for the first three hours, with a modest fee for longer-term parking.
- Recognizing it will take years to implement a parking garage in downtown Poulsbo, appropriate steps should begin now. Delay will only make it more difficult and more expensive to achieve this goal. Steps that should be initiated in the coming year include:
  - Develop and adopt a plan for a downtown parking structure
  - Establish a reserve fund for the expressed purpose of constructing a downtown parking structure.
  - Create a “fee in lieu of parking” provision in City regulations such that new development may contribute an equivalent amount of money into the parking reserve fund instead of providing on-site parking at every location.
  - Establish incentives for developers who include public parking in their projects.
  - Commit one or more sites in the downtown area for the eventual location of parking garage(s).

Next Steps:

**The next Committee meeting will be on October 5th.**

At that time we will finalize the key findings shift our focus onto recommendations the Committee would like presented in our report to the Mayor and City Council.