

Parking Task Force Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2021

Present: Jackie Davison, Allen Fetter, Greg Gorman, Rosalind Grigsby, Paul Huebner, Tim Judson, Gina Mathias, Roger Schlegel, Emanuel Wagner, Claudia Wayne

Agenda:

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| 1. Call to Order | 7:30 pm |
| 2. Gina Mathias, Sustainability Coordinator, | 7:30 pm-8:00 pm |
| a. Presentation on Curbside Chargers | |
| 3. Review/Approval of 12/17/20 Minutes | 8:05 pm – 8:10 pm |
| 4. Community Participation Extension of Time: | 8:10 pm – 8:30pm |
| a. Pandemic Impact | |
| 5. Meeting Adjourn | 8:30 pm |

Minutes

Called to order at 7:33pm

Presentation on Curbside Chargers

- Sustainability Coordinator Gina Mathias briefed the task force on the city's Curbside EV Charging program.
 - The city is considering adopting regulation permitting parking restrictions for resident-owned curbside EV charging stations.
 - They are starting to conduct public outreach to collect input on this.
- Transportation is the largest source of GHG emissions in Takoma Park
 - The city is encouraging residents to adopt electric vehicles to meet its 2030 climate goals
- Residents who do not have access to off-street parking must presently rely on use of public charging stations
 - Home charging accounts for 75%-80% of EV drivers' charging activity
 - Making the option to apply for a permit to install a curbside charging station will help support the city's emissions goals by enabling more residents to have access to EV charging at home
- No regulation in the city or county prohibits non-EV users to block access to a curbside EV charging station
 - The city has set forth criteria for the siting of curbside charging stations, per the document Gina shared with the Parking Task Force. But this raises the question of whether the city should provide for parking restrictions to access curbside charging stations.

- The city is looking at regulations in other jurisdictions for best practices (e.g., in Tacoma, WA, an EV must be plugged in in order to use the curbside charging parking space.
- Task Force members raised some questions:
 - Equity:
 - Residents who may not live on a street where EV charging station can be installed.
 - Early adopters of this program are going to be of greater financial means, enabling them to lock in access to parking in front of their home. The city may need to plan ahead for making curbside charging a public service.
 - The County views these charging stations as temporary installations.
 - What about residents of multi-family properties? Who has jurisdiction over that?
 - The County is working on programs to encourage multi-family properties to install EV charging.
 - Right now, any homeowner can install a curb cut to create access for a driveway, thereby permanently removing a public parking space from the street.
 - Street design:
 - TkPk is frequently adding sidewalk space by narrowing streets, so might we end up having opposition to sidewalk widening in order to assure access to curbside charging?
 - The Parking Task Force is considering recommendations about altering streetscape design, including restricting parking to one side of the street, which would prevent residents on the other side of the street from installing a curbside charging station.
 - What is the city's timeline for receiving feedback?
 - March or April, because permits are already being issued for installation of curbside charging stations, per city ordinance.

Review/Approval of Minutes

- Meeting Minutes from 12-17-2020 meeting were not available.
- Jackie will work with Task Force members to draft those.

Community Participation Extension of Time

- Jackie, Greg, and Ros have conferred about our outreach schedule, due to the pandemic and the increased transmissibility.
- We can do other aspects of our work, but we need to hold off on community outreach.
 - The curbside charging issue also warrants our further discussion.

- Do we need to get approval from the city to further delay our schedule?
 - Ros will check with the City Manager.

Next Meeting

- Ros has a conflict on the date of our next meeting Feb. 18 and will not be able to host that meeting.
 - Greg will host the zoom for the next meeting.

Adjourned at 8:35pm