

Takoma Park Parking Management Task Force

Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2020

Attendance

City Staff: Rosalind Grigsby

Task Force: Greg Gorman (note-taker), Jackie Davison, Claudia Wayne, Allen Fetter, Tim Judson, Paul Huebner, Roger Schlegel, Howie Schaffer

Minutes

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.
- 2) Ms. Laura Barclay from OTBA presented a background on the OTBA and on parking issues for businesses. Key points of discussion:
 - OTBA is part of a Cross-Jurisdictional Infrastructure Work Group
 - Junction parking situation: 1 ADA spot added recently; parking needs generally met • ~ 200 spaces under Takoma Business Center are underutilized
 - Parking spaces always available according to Ms. Barclay. Hot spots exist, although the need for additional parking is mostly a perceived need
 - Better signage needed
 - Parity between DC and MD meters was discussed.
 - Members requested distribution of residence zip of business patrons from 2018 survey • Information requested on circling phenomenon; Ms. Barclay hasn't seen that. • Farmer's Market geographic distribution of patrons discussed. Free parking at church lot for the Market is available.
 - Signage and awareness are important. Many businesses don't post parking directions on their websites.
 - OTBA is amenable to 2 hour free parking in neighborhood.
 - Pedestrian mall idea for Laurel Ave is support by OTBA. The COVID-19 re-opening is opportune time to explore this; many other jurisdictions are pursuing this. • Enforcement of parking regulations around Old Town is perceived as poor. • Discussion of Walter Reed development; OTBA is concerned about competition. There is a potential for collaboration
- 3) Minutes from May 6th approved. Inclusion of links to google docs in all parking TF emails was requested.
- 4) New business.
 - June 6th meetings: plans for community input and continuation of RPP proposal review
- 5) Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

