



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 10, 2019 Agenda Item 4

Work Session

Establishment of a Citywide Parking Management Task Force

Recommended Council Action

Review and discuss draft resolution.

Context with Key Issues

The Takoma Park City Council has considered the establishment of a Parking Management Task Force to advise the Council and facilitate community input on the management of parking issues in Takoma Park. The scope of work of the Task Force would be to review the parking situation in the City, consider policy proposals for parking management, engage community participation in the process, and advise Council on possible next steps.

Staff recommends Council appointment of 9-11 Parking Management Task Force members: one member appointed by each Councilmember, one member from the Committee on the Environment, and one member from the Complete Safe Streets Committee. Appointees should include residents of both single-family houses and multi-family units. Additional appointees could be considered representing business owners, young people, or other specific constituencies.

Staff will present the Task Force with the data and research on parking management, as well as staff's suggestions for consideration. Guiding questions for the work of the Task Force:

- How should uses of on-street space be prioritized?
- What are the City's objectives for the City's right-of-way network?
- How well does the City's current parking program manage:
 - parking meter demand, turn-over and rates?
 - commercial demand for employees and customers?
 - on-street parking space and Residential Parking Permit zones?
 - accessible parking needs for persons with disabilities?
 - parking enforcement?
- What are the equity issues in the current parking program?
- How can parking be managed to address the City's concerns about climate change and sustainability?

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Fiscally Sustainable Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community; Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government; Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life.

Environmental Considerations

The City's sustainability goals include encouraging and promoting the use of transit and active

transportation that reduces dependency on automobiles for traveling to and through Takoma Park. The City devotes 4.5 acres to parking spaces in the Residential Parking Permit zones alone. Parking takes some public space that could be allotted to other uses that would advance the City's sustainability goals, such as bike lanes, expanded pedestrian space, bio-retention facilities and better public amenities.

Fiscal Considerations

The City's existing on-street parking programs entail various costs associated with administration, maintenance, and enforcement, including staff time, vehicles, and various contracts. Meanwhile, residential parking permit fees, meter fees, and tickets for violations generate revenue for the City.

Racial Equity Considerations

The City's current parking policies, particularly the residential parking permit zones, expose existing inequities in terms of access to on-street parking. Such issues will be reviewed as policy changes are considered.

Attachments and Links

Draft Resolution

Parking Management Plan Project Page:

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/parking-study/>

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2019-XX

ESTABLISHING A PARKING MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council has considered the establishment of a Parking Management Task Force to advise the Council and facilitate community input on the development of a City-wide Parking Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the project to evaluate parking in the City began in 2015 and included recommendations from a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments-funded project in FY16 that focused on the Old Takoma commercial area and surrounding neighborhoods, surveys of residents and business owners, and additional research and public outreach; and

WHEREAS, development of a City-wide Parking Management Plan will include the evaluation of meters, accessible (handicapped) parking, commercial vehicle parking, Residential Parking Permit zones, enforcement, City Code and regulations, and parking “hot spots;” and

WHEREAS, the completed plan will include goals for fair, equitable, and consolidated parking management and may include recommendations for changes to City Code, Administrative Regulations, practices, procedures and enforcement to more equitably and efficiently manage the parking supply in Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will advise the Council and provide assistance to ensure community participation in parking management proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Management Task Force would help develop the process for community input with City staff; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will not be a decision-making body, but will provide recommendations to the Council on the parking management policies; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to serve on the Committee has been advertised; and

WHEREAS, after review of the applications received, the Council has selected [] residents to serve on the Parking Management Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force and City staff will recommend a schedule to the City Council for completion of the Parking Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, once the Plan is adopted by the Council, the Parking Management Task Force will be dissolved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve on the Parking Management Task Force:

Name	Ward	Committee Representative
1.	1	
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8.		Complete Safe Streets Committee
9.		Committee on the Environment
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Adopted this XXth day of MONTH, 2019

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk