



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 13, 2021

Agenda Item 1

Presentation

Parking Management Task Force

Recommended Council Action

Review.

Context with Key Issues

The Takoma Park City Council established the Parking Management Task Force by Resolution 2019-51 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, as outlined in the Resolution included: “the evaluation of meters, accessible (handicapped) parking, commercial vehicle parking, Residential Parking Permit zones, enforcement, City Code and regulations, parking “hot spots,” and EV vehicle and rideshare parking, and will take into consideration the connections between parking supply/pricing and personal vehicle usage.” The Resolution also stated that the plan would “include goals for fair, equitable, and consolidated parking management.”

The Task Force has met regularly since January 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Task Force has been unable to move forward with community engagement. The Task Force has written a final report with draft recommendations and the Task Force now asks the Council to conclude their work. The co-chairs, Jaqueline Davison and Greg Gorman, will present the draft recommendations to the Council.

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

- [Council Resolution 2019-51](#)
- Parking Management Task Force webpage:
<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/parking-management-task-force/>
- [Parking Task Force Adjournment Report, October 2021](#)