



Seattle Parking Sounding Board Minutes

Date/Time: June 21, 2013, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Seattle Municipal Tower, 4080

Members Present: Don Blakeney (Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Association), Jim Erickson (First Hill Improvement Association), Vickie Foster (Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities), Randy Hurlow (DSA), Josh McDonald (Washington Restaurant Association), Susan Ranf (Mariners), James Sido (DSA)

Guests Present: Geoff Goldsmith-Jones (PayByPhone)

SDOT Staff Present: Becky Edmonds, Mike Estey, Ruth Harper, Tracy Krawczyk, Margo Polley, Mary Rutherford, Mary Catherine Snyder

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Pay by Phone Launch

The Sounding Board heard a presentation from Geoff Goldsmith-Jones from PayByPhone and Mary Catherine Snyder, with SDOT, about the upcoming parking pay by phone launch. Since the meeting, the City had to postpone the launch from Wednesday June 26 for about two weeks. When the program does launch, it will be in the downtown Retail Core, followed by a rollout throughout the city.

Sounding Board members present requested business cards and postcards for publicity both electronically and in hard copy, as well as a detailed roll-out schedule.

3. Disabled Parking Legislative Update

Mike Estey reported that the State Legislature directed the Department of Licensing to form a six-member workgroup. The group will primarily focus on addressing the oversupply of permits. The group will issue recommendations in December 2013.

These meetings are open to the public and the group values input.

4. Pay Station Replacement Process

Margo Polley reported that SDOT is currently in the planning stages of replacing parking pay stations.



Margo asked for feedback on potential “time of day pricing,” i.e. variable rates during the day/evening. Members of the Sounding Board expressed concern about evening pricing (whether new hours or higher rates) unduly impacting residents and people who cannot get home via transit in the evenings.

5. Open Forum

Susan Ranf brought up several questions about Pioneer Square and Central Waterfront construction, asking whether current construction mitigation efforts were doing enough to address long-term changes in the area, and expressed interest in increased collaboration among DPD, SDOT, and WSDOT. Tracy Krawczyk noted that SDOT is aware of these concerns and is working to increase collaboration with DPD, particularly on Major Institution Master Plans. In addition, SDOT is taking the lead on the transportation element of the Environmental Impact Statement for the new Arena.

Jim Erickson expressed concerns about increased development some parking removal in the Madison corridor.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.