

**PAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 2:38 by Chair, Alicia Barbieri

Attending Members: Richard Kier, Alicia Barbieri, Mike Tressider, Bryn West, Dana Harbaugh, TJ Hake, Council Member Beggs, Council Member Kinnear, Melissa Huggins

Absent: No one

Staff & Guests: Jesten Ray, Toby Hatley, Kris Becker, Jacque West, Andrew Rolwes, Teresa Krueger

Minutes: Minutes for the months of January and November were approved.

2018 PAC Utilities update: The street tree maintenance program that was funded in part from a grant of PAC funds was briefed which detailed that 25 new trees were planted in the downtown core. Questions were raised by CM Kinnear including how the program could be sped up to replace dead/declining trees faster.

Final draft parking study: Phil Olmstead briefed the Downtown Spokane Parking Study final draft to the Committee. Highlights included:

- 30% of land use in greater downtown is allocated to parking.
- 56% peak hour occupancy at noon across the surveyed area (including the North Bank and County campus, the downtown core, south downtown and the medical district on the lower South Hill).
- There is a significant discrepancy between the rate for on and off street parking, as much as two times in high demand area.
- A great deal of parking is not available to the public due to management constraints.
- The consultant recommendation is to maximize use of existing supply rather than to build new supply. Phil went in to detail about why the significant costs of parking facility development mean that it is something that the City should not focus is limited resources on, and instead focus on shared parking management for off-street parking and maximizing the value of on-street parking.
- With regard to on-street parking, employ “performance based management”, i.e. on-street parking is not priced to reflect demand and contributes to underperformance of the on and off-street system.
- The Council should authorize administrative rate changes based on revenue data that parking services staff can monitor.
- CM Beggs asked why the recommendation was to retain 2 and 4 hour time stays when a lot of downtown constituents have been asking for 3 hour meters. Phil replied that it is a priority to retain simplicity and to keep 2 hour meters in the premium zone to sustain turnover.

- Rate increases have to happen and have a goal of making on-street parking more available than it is due to overtime stays. A sizable percentage of users are over-staying at on-street meters because of the major cost discrepancy between on and off-street parking.

Shared Parking: The premise of shared parking is to get underutilized private supply to become public through leasing by the city or its representative. Based on the amount of vacancy observed in off-street facilities even at the peak hour, shared parking would make for more efficient (more profitable) facility operation for the owner/managers while also providing more space for employee parking leases. Wayfinding also has to be a key part of shared parking Pilot shared parking.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50pm

Signed: _____ Dated: _____