

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Parking Breakfast Talks with Dave Hill Bombolini's Restaurant February 12, 2010

? Should we enforce the 2-hr free Saturday Parking?

- No, it's annoying for people to get tickets for 2-hr enforcement on free weekends
- No, people will be unhappy coming downtown and getting a ticket
- No, this is not the city we want to live in
- No, it's too hard to enforce (chalking tires doesn't work)

? Is there an alternative to the current 2-hr free Saturday Parking?

- Yes, we could have people pay for 1-hr of parking and get 2-hrs for free
- Yes, 2-hrs of free parking could be offered in City parkades
- Yes, businesses can give out blue loonies to customers to offset costs of parking
- Yes, we could do other promotions such as coupons on backs of parking receipts

? Should we implement demand based on-street parking (i.e., less busy areas would have a lower rates and longer time limits and vice versa for more busy areas)?

- Yes, shorter parking limits (2-hrs) creates turn over in busy areas
- Yes, people should go in parkades if they plan to stay downtown longer
- Yes, rates haven't changed for many years and could go up (people won't really notice)
- Yes, people who want to save a buck can walk a bit farther

? Should we stipulate that downtown construction workers must park in parkades instead of taking up on-street parking spots?

- Yes, it is reasonable from a civic level to say that this rule applies
- Yes, we need an educational campaign that tells construction workers to park in parkades (information sheet should be given at time of permit being issued)
- Yes, until now we have only been re-active about the issue of workers taking up too many on-street parking spots

? How should we deal with people, and especially employees, who park all day on-street, re-plugging their meter?

- Charging more at the meter may deter this
- Get rid of free parking on Saturdays
- Do an educational campaign (stickers on pay stations and in business windows/leaflets on cars) that states street parking is for customers only and if they stay for more than two hours, even if they re-plug the meter, they will get a ticket

? Do we have too many loading zones downtown?

- Yes, we have too many weird and old loading zones
- Yes, there are some 24hr loading zones that don't make any sense (should be turned into parking after business hours)
- Yes, the process for changing loading zones has been complicated