

BTV Burlington Residential Parking Management Plan

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes, 2/10/2015

ITEM 1: Introduction, Schedule, and Scope of the Meeting

- **Committee Members In Attendance:** Nicole Losch, Chapin Spencer, Nate Wildfire, Sandrine Thibault, Sandy Wynne, Caryn Long, Jim Langan, Clare Wool, Charles Simpson, Emily Lee, Bill Ward, Peter Keating, David Saladino, Grace Wu, John Caulo
- Other Attendees: Karen Paul, Gene Bergman, Barbara Hendrick, Chris Flinn, Joan Shannon
- **Schedule:** Tentative March 24 date for the second Joint Downtown and Residential Parking Public Meeting, followed by revisions and final advisory committee meeting.
- **Scope of the Meeting (Nicole Losch):** The project arose from the need to better understand and clarify the Burlington Residential Parking Program, and to take advantage of the opportunity to jointly study Downtown and Residential Parking, as well as transportation demand management for downtown commuters and parking minimums for Zoning. This second advisory committee meeting is primarily focused on coming to consensus on the residential parking strategies to present to the public for further feedback.

Action Items

- Jim Langan – Correct to Ward 1 alternate

ITEM 2: Project Goals

- David Saladino from RSG presented the Project Goals, based on feedback from the Advisory Committee and Public Feedback from the first forum.
- The project goals for this Residential Parking Management Study are: Balance Parking Needs; Consider Limited Land Resources; Account for Neighborhood Need; Apply a Data Drive Approach; Is Fair and Transparent; and Is Market-Responsive.

ITEM 3: Best Practices Comparison

- Grace Wu from RSG presented the Best Practices, in studying four peer cities that were similar in population, and with a vibrant collegetown atmosphere. The residential parking strategies in the comparable cities are considered as part of the recommendations in the Burlington residential parking program.
- There are five main types of residential parking strategies: Technology; Pricing; Physical; Administrative; and Petitioning Process.
- Burlington is unique in offering no-cost residential parking permits and informal enforcement of guest permit usage.

ITEM 4: Draft Residential Parking Recommendations

- Grace Wu walked the group through the city-wide (16) and specific block (4) residential parking strategies. 10 of the city-wide strategies and all four of the add-on block strategies are new to the City of Burlington.
- A packet was distributed to each member of the Advisory Committee with the 20 residential parking strategies listed. The last page showed a map, with the current residential parking streets marked, and polygons around particular streets to show how parking by area, and not street, could function in residential permit areas.
- Alongside each strategy was reasoning for why the recommendation was included for consideration.

ITEM 5: Discussion of Residential Parking and Areas

Open discussion amongst the Advisory Committee and several guests to refine or add proposed residential parking strategies. The group agreed to keep in all 20 of the recommendations to present to the public for



feedback. More refinement and discussion needed internally on code enforcement (lawn parking specifically) and zoning ordinance parking minimums.

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Reducing parking minimums, along with impacts from downtown parking demand, will be an issue for residential areas.
- Discussion on parking in-lieu fees. Make sure they are equitable for the longer term (approx. 20 years. Includes maintenance and operations)
- Re-state the consideration for alternative modes to emphasize pedestrian and bike usage, then transit and carshare.
- Physical barriers to prevent lawn parking are needed. Code enforcement currently allows lawn parking overnight during winter parking bans.
- Clear wayfinding and signage is a need for residential parking.
- UVM and Champlain to provide adequate and easy-to-use satellite lots that can be used for daily and long-term use by students who commute to school. UVM's parking management plan does try to prevent parking spillover from students on-campus.
- Consideration for repurposing on-street parking spaces for alternative modes or streetscaping.

TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS

- A user-friendly website or printed brochures to clearly inform people of Burlington's residential parking program.
- Like the idea of mailing or online renewals for parking permits. Nervous about being able to print visitor permits online.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS

- Makes sense to have a fixed expiration and renewal cycle based on the academic calendar when there is highest turnover.
- Not sure about parking by area (and not street). Would like to keep it by street because high density and parking demand from nearby blocks and they would spill-over and take up parking on adjacent blocks.
- Need to give residents reasonable notice for when a pilot parking program will be happening.
- Like the idea of an owner-agent permit distribution scenario – when working with trust-worthy owners. In all cases, landlord should inform the tenant whether or not there is parking included off-street with their unit.

Action Items

- Gene requested Charlottesville's ordinance language, which Grace sent on 2/10.

PRICING CONSIDERATIONS

- Like limiting permits to 2 residential and 2 guest permits per dwelling unit. Perhaps limit so that studio and 1-bedroom dwelling units get 1 parking space, given that the zoning code currently requires one off-street space already.
- Allow for occasional event parking needs.
- Provide rationale for charging residents on a 15-day or 30-day basis.
- The City currently has five meter maids. The violation fee needs to be high enough to remain competitive with the market rate of parking permits on UVM campus.

