

- Jeff Guyett, 725 SE Jackson Street
- Bill Gnaedinger, 300 SE Pioneer Street
- Craig Beaumont, 1005 SE Crestview Street
- Tom Handy, 245 SE Paradise Street
- John Shaheen, WSU, Director of Parking, Transportation & Visitor Center

DISCUSSION

Points that were brought up during the discussion:

- There is potentially a parking problem in the CBD
- There is limited space and competing constituencies
- Management of existing parking is a problem
- Long-term parking lots are being used as park-and-ride lots
- The Paradise Street lot had an excessive number of permits issued (more permits than parking stalls)
- Downtown growth leads to increased pressure on parking
- The problems are not necessarily related to CBD housing
- Parking issues are dynamic
- Hourly restrictions may be too permissive in some of the lots - specific mention was made of the public lot near the Spot Shop
- Downtown employees use parking spaces
- Pioneer Hill is more vulnerable to the parking issues because of its proximity to the CBD
- The Planning Commission needs to think comprehensively; changing parking standards is not thinking comprehensively
- Revitalization of CBD is partly due to code stability over the past 20+ years
- Codifying off-street parking in the C2 zone: should it happen?; it would provide stability and some assurances for nearby neighborhoods; preference is for 1 space per dwelling; such a requirement could deter development.
- Downtown residents are a unique demographic type
- Recognize that the city's current standard is the norm
- Limited number of developable sites
- Keeping current standards allows for creativity; not as restrictive
- Accessible parking spaces take up much space
- Parking standards might disturb the CBD's cozy atmosphere
- Downtown development has momentum right now
- Should not compromise storefront character
- Already lost much of CBD to parking
- A number of constraints exist to developing parking in CBD (e.g., existing structures, topography, river).
- Residents need parking 24/7, not just at night.
- Should structure of parking management change?
- Concerns about large residential development with limited parking in CBD
- Would parking requirements be applied only to new

development; not to refurbishment of existing development?

- For merchants, the parking problem is most visible between 11 am – 3 pm, Monday-Friday; change the parking hour restrictions from 2 to 3 hours downtown.
- Need to develop a vision
- For downtown merchants, the more people within walking distance the better for their businesses
- C2 district unlikely to expand
- Consider consequences of our actions

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Pondered the effect of Pioneer Square on the statistics provided by Dickinson; Pioneer Square contains 45 apartments and provides only 17 off-street parking spaces. When combined with the earlier information, if this development is not considered, then there are 72 dwellings with 94 off-street parking spaces provided.

DISCUSSION

Some solutions presented by the attendees included:

- Better enforcement/management of existing parking
- Allow developers to pay a fee, in lieu of providing off-street parking, for addressing future parking solutions
- Consider larger parking facilities – City needs to be involved in this effort.
- Allow overnight parking in public lots
- Consider allowing off-site parking
- Creating different precincts within the CBD that would have different parking requirements.
- Address alternative routes for traffic (i.e., ring roads)
- Slow traffic down to help merchant business
- Residential parking permit system for Pioneer Hill
- City could sell individual parking spaces in the public lots
- Secure grant funding or other funding options to develop multi-modal parking facilities; design a parking lot(s) as a hub for varied activity
- Suggest talking with owners of downtown parking facilities (e.g., banks) about offering parking for a fee to downtown residential development
- Support the following principles for downtown development
 - Retail should be accessible to all residents of Pullman, not just downtown residents
 - CBD development impact in residential neighborhoods should be minimized
 - The community is dependent on CBD vitality and residential development with the CBD is essential to this vitality

MOTION Crow moved to accept the minutes of January 23, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Shannon and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 pm.

ATTEST:

Chair

Planning Director

Secretary