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Eliot Parking Permit Task Force	Zoom Meeting Oct. 12, 2022 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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Meeting Summary

Members in Attendance

Courtney Brown
Laura Cooper
Rodney King
Joan Petit
Sherifa Roach
Matt Schwartz
Rick Stockwell
Dwight Terry
Andy Whitesides
Logan Wright

Members Absent

JoAnn Gilles
James Kallio

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) Staff

Kristan Alldrin (Program Manager)
Kathryn Doherty-Chapmen (Project Manager)
Thea Kuticka (Program Coordinator)
Stanley Ong (Parking Program Specialist)

Consultant Staff

Owen Ronchelli (Rick Williams Consulting)
Tracy Smith (Inhance)
Rick Williams (Rick Williams Consulting)

Public in Attendance

Allen Rudwick
Thom Tessandori
Joan Thompson
Megan

Welcome and Task Force Introductions

Kathryn started the meeting at 5:33 p.m. and provided an overview of the meeting.

Courtney Brown – 22-year Eliot resident and owner
Laura Cooper – 41-year Eliot resident
Rodney King – 2-year Eliot resident and works on MLK
Joan Petit – 12-year Eliot resident
Sherifa Roach – 20+ year resident of the neighborhood
Matt Schwartz – 8-year Eliot resident
Rick Stockwell – Safety and Security Manager at Legacy Emanuel Hospital
Dwight Terry – Owner of Terry Family Funeral Home
Andy Whitesides – 1-year Eliot resident
Logan Wright – 11-year Eliot resident

Purpose & Scope

Topic: Kathryn presented the purpose and scope of the Eliot Parking Permit Plan Task Force

Key Presentation Points:

- Residents and businesses are experiencing parking issues. Task force was formed to advise on the planning process, developing permit program rules and with the decision-making process.
- Project timeline
 - Fall 2022 – parking study, identification of issues and goals
 - Winter 2022 – review study finding and explore ideas
 - Spring 2022 – draft a permit program and release for public comment. Task Force concludes.
 - Summer 2023 – City Council hearing on new permit program
 - Fall 2023 – Implementation of permit program if approved by Council
 - Spring 2024 – Follow up parking study and surveys
- Reviewed similarities and differences with the existing Area Parking Permit Program (APPP)

Key Discussion Points:

- Task force members asked clarifying questions about the [current APPP balloting](#) process and how zoning/land use can be used to shape the new permit program rules.
- A task force member asked if meters are being considered in addition to time limits in this area. Kathryn said that we're only talking about parking permits, so the only method being considered for visitors are time limits. Guest permits may also be purchased by residents/businesses to park beyond the posted time limit.
- A Task Force member asked what is meant by "pilot" and the criteria used for evaluating its success. Kathryn said that this program can have different rules and sizes from the current APPP. The precise evaluation criteria is yet to be determined but that the main data points will be parking occupancy data as well as surveys of area residents and businesses.

Meeting Ground Rules

- Due to time, Task force members will respond to the proposed ground rules via email. This will also be on next month's agenda.

Study Area

Topic: Rick and Owen of Rick Williams Consulting presented the proposed study areas and provided an overview of the data collection process.

Key Presentation Points:

- Inventory of on-street parking system in Eliot west of MLK Jr Blvd has been completed
 - 3,114 parking stalls; 86% unsigned
 - APPP Zone J is in the industrial part, west of I-5 along Russell Street
- Owen reviewed why we study and manage parking in areas with limited parking, and the study methodology.
 - Occupancy data is collected to count parked vehicle and determine surpluses and deficits in parking system.
 - Utilization data includes collecting license plate numbers. This is used to determine how long spaces are occupied and turnover rate.
 - Important to collect data on a "typical day". Parking system should be designed to be most effective during an average day.
 - Data is collected on an hourly basis over a contiguous period of time.
- Proposed study maps (see presentation for maps)
 - Original map has been revised to include N Broadway in the southwest corner and additional residential areas in the northern portion.
 - Not every block face needs to be studied as long as there is a good and representative sample.
- Data will be collected midweek towards the end of October, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., along with an overnight occupancy count between 2 and 5 a.m.

Key Discussion Points:

- Multiple task force members agreed that the area near Dawson Park and Morris Street is missing from the proposed study area. Specific blocks that task force members said were missing are:
 - Stanton Street from Vancouver Avenue to MLK Jr Blvd
 - Morris Street from Vancouver Avenue to MLK Jr. Blvd
 - Rodney Avenue from Stanton to Fargo streets
 - The consensus from the Task Force was that it was important to include these areas in the parking study
- Also missing is in the northern portion of the study area, East of Williams Avenue. It has a lot of development right now so it may not be representative of normal parking behavior.
- Task force members suggested removing block faces on MLK Jr Blvd. Rick W said that it is important to also include commercial frontages since this is not exclusively a residential study. Kathryn and Owen agreed that removing the eastern block faces makes sense.
- A task force member had concerns about the timing of the study. The regular traffic seems higher midweek. Rick W said that 10-15% employees in this region typically treat Mondays and Fridays as an extension of the weekends – people tend to take those days off; and some businesses are closed on Mondays.
- Task force members said that additional studies may be needed such as a traffic study to address safety issues near Dawson Park.
- Task force members wanted to have data when there are events at venues such as the Rose Quarter and Wonder Ballroom.
 - Kathryn said that there is weekend and event data already collected in southern portion of the Eliot neighborhood up to Russell as part of the data collected for the Lloyd Event District parking study that we can supplement this data with. She noted that there are concerts the week of the study, so that activity will be reflected in this data collection.
- Parking at Legacy Emanuel will have gate arms installed in November, so parking in the area may change once implemented and not be a representation of future parking behavior. This change will happen after the data is collected, but it is good to be aware of.
- A task force member suggested studying both block faces on Monroe St between Rodney Avenue and MLK Jr Blvd

Action taken: PBOT staff and consultants agreed to take the Task Force recommendation of swapping streets from MLK to be able to include the blocks along Stanton and Morris and along Rodney in the northern section.

Task force make up: Who is missing?

Key Discussion Points:

- Kathryn said that she feels that perspective from a small business employee is missing. Multiple task force members agreed.
- Task force members said it would be good to include someone from the Eliot Neighborhood Association.
 - Allen Rudwick volunteered to represent the neighborhood association. The neighborhood association also has a big reach through their quarterly paper and website.
- A task force member said that Friends of Trees often experience blocked driveways. They might be a good organization to reach out to.
- A task force member wanted to make sure that displaced residents who return on a regular basis, on Sundays to church for example. They are also not sure if the parking study will capture that parking behavior.
 - Kathryn said that she has been in touch with local churches and will follow up to find a potential task force member. There will also be surveys and focus groups so that we can collect their input.

Public Comment

Megan wanted to comment about the study area on Monroe Street. A lot of the people parking on Monroe Street between Vancouver Avenue and Rodney Avenue right now are construction workers, so it might not be a representative sample once they are done. She would be willing to give up the block faces near Monroe Street to look at Stanton Street.

Meeting Adjourns at 6:59 p.m.

Action Items

- PBOT will edit the study area map to reflect the recommendations of the Task Force and will swap some blocks from the eastern side of MLK Jr. Blvd and the industrial part of Russell Ave in order to add blocks on Stanton and Morris Streets
- PBOT will do additional outreach for missing voices and perspectives
- Task force members will email proposed ground rules to Kathryn