

NW Parking District SAC Members Meeting

Date/Time

Mar 20, 2024 6:00pm

SAC Members - Present

Amy Spreadborough

Jeanne Harrison

Brett Hoornaert

JoZell Johnson

Jay Ternberg

Steve Pinger

Todd Zarnitz

Greg Theisen

SAC Members - Absent

Daniel Anderson

Paige Miller

Parker McNulty

Alex Zimmermann

Guests

Erika Nebel - PBOT

Tom Ranieri

Karen Karlsson

Rick Michaelson

Lewellyn Robison

Lucas K

Vicki

Quorum

Yes

Motions

None

Meeting Summary

PBOT placed the Northwest Parking SAC on “pause” in October 2023. This meeting was called by SAC members to discuss the future of the group, and to prepare for PBOT’s planned resumption of regularly scheduled meetings in April.

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There was a discussion about improving the meetings, emphasizing the need for more discussion and debate rather than rushing to votes. The group felt that the quality of discussion has declined over the years, with agendas becoming more rigid, which they partially attributed to the shift to online meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The group also criticized the lack of parking enforcement in the District. JoZell voiced her frustrations about the lack of data and effective public involvement in projects.

Todd Zarnitz pressed the group to promote public access to the Legacy parking garages on evenings and weekends at affordable rates of \$1/hour and \$5 max/day.

The team discussed the balance between ideology and current circumstances in their organization. There were concerns about the Parking District mission changing to align with a broader PBOT agenda, rather than focusing on the local community's needs.

The group expressed concerns about the potential for subcommittees to take broad action without consulting the entire group, which could lead to misalignment.

Former SAC Chair Rick Michaelson suggested that the SAC should focus on its core mission (parking and demand) and delegate non-core topics (streetscape improvements and street lighting for example) to other groups such as the NWDA and/or NWBA.

The group encouraged the Northwest Parking District Liaison to be more visible in the Northwest District, such as attending neighborhood and business association meetings. This was something the liaison did on a regular basis pre-pandemic and has fallen out of practice.

Greg shared that the project at 24th and Vaughn has been completed, and asked members to see it for themselves before the next meeting.

The team discussed the upcoming April meeting, which was initially perceived as in-person but could potentially be a hybrid meeting, as clarified by Erika.

Next Steps

Erika Nebel will talk with Amy about the possibility of a hybrid/in-person option for the April meeting, and will try to distribute forthcoming PBOT recommendations to the SAC in advance of the meeting to allow for thoughtful feedback.