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**Northwest Parking District
Stakeholder Advisory
Committee (SAC)** | Zoom Meeting
October 16, 2024
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Members in Attendance

Amy Spreadborough (NWBA)
Jeanne Harrison (NWDA)
Brett Hoornaert (At-Large)
JoZell Johnson (NWBA)
Paige Miller (At-Large)
Steve Pinger (NWDA)
Jay Ternberg (NWBA)
Todd Zarnitz (NWBA)

Members Absent

Greg Theisen (NWDA)
Daniel Anderson (At-Large)
Parker McNulty (NWDA)

Portland Bureau of Transportation

(PBOT) Staff

Rae-Leigh Stark (Parking Districts Program Manager)
Stanley Ong (Parking Program Specialist)
Erika Nebel (Group Manager)

Consultant Staff

Christine Moses (EnviroIssues)
Cadence Purdy (EnviroIssues)
Owen Ronchelli (Rick Williams Consulting)

Public in Attendance

Allan Classen
Lewellyn Robison
Robert Melarkis
Tom Ranieri

Welcome and Introductions

Amy started the meeting at 5:07 p.m. and reminded members of the public to hold their comments for the public comment section. Christine led the committee in a grounding

exercise and then reviewed the SAC's mission statement and community agreements. Christine shared the SAC agenda for the meeting, and the meeting objectives. Stanley gave an update on how PBOT checked in on how programmatic adjustments are going. So far, there are six meetings in, and feedback is generally positive about the adjustments. There are some concerns over rigidity and resistance. The feedback form for the FY 25/26 budget shared with the SAC prior to this meeting was not up-to-date and will be re-shared after the meeting. Stanley provided a brief update on NW in Motion and is currently in the process of working with Seth on how funds are spent. Once finalized, PBOT will share the project list with the committee.

Committee Discussion:

- Question about budget information from last month's meeting and when to expect
 - Stanley will get back to this question later this week, initial response tomorrow.

Meeting objective

Stanley stated today's meeting objective is to collect feedback on:

- Programmatic adjustments and the feedback process
- FY 2025/26 parking district budget

Last Meeting Recap

- Committee discussed study on No Turn on Red & Pedestrian Head start
- Future committee meetings are designated to discuss implementing 1-2 committee-initiated projects in FY 25/26
- Discussion about Streetscape Plan will happen in late FY 24/25 with the understanding that the plan cannot be implemented in FY 25/26
- Discussed FY 2025/2026 Workplan, will proceed with the workplan as presented, except for "No Turn on Red"
- Checked in on Programmatic adjustments – the committee reported on their experiences since April
- Committee discussed FY 2025/26 budget for pilot NWIM improvements

Review previous feedback forms

Stanley provided decisions moving forward and some follow-up on questions from the feedback forms:

FY 25/26 budget:

- Projects need more input
- Would like to see NWIM project list
- Inconsistent levels of parking enforcement
- PBOT will send the 25/26 budget feedback forms out so SAC can look and weigh concerns

4-way stop Discussion

- SAC shared concerns at specific locations for PBOT to share with traffic engineering to add to project queue for evaluation
- SAC members shared that there are multiple sections on 22nd Avenue and in Slabtown here there is an increase in traffic volume that leads to unsafe conditions
- 24th avenue has speedbumps, but it seems ineffective to slow down drivers
- Specific intersections:
 - 24th and Raleigh
 - 22nd and Raleigh
 - 22nd and Hoyt – especially fast traffic coming off Glisan
- SAC would like to see metrics change to get a 4-way stop, and would like PBOT to account pedestrian, bike, scooter traffic in their metric, as well as overall safety of the intersection/mental load
- Many stop signs do not indicate if they are 2-way or 4-way stops – confusing for drivers
- Some SAC members would like to look at all-way stops as an alternative to speed bumps

Public Comment

- Robert Melarkis requested the city to look at recent research on all way stops, which have been found to reduce the number of car crashes and reduce vehicle speed.
- Allan Classen requested a recording of the September meeting.
 - PBOT is moving zoom recordings to a new location hosted online – once complete, PBOT will share where zoom recordings are hosted as well adding links to find meetings in meeting summaries.
- Tom Ranieri requested a way for there to be public comment that takes longer than 5 minutes. The SAC responded by requesting Tom send their question in via email. The committee will then consider it and bring it back for discussion at another time/date.
 - SAC is open to a town hall to receive more feedback from the public
- Someone requested information on the role Kathy Chapman started with PBOT in 2018, the purpose of the role and the cost.

District event changes presentation from Owen Ronchelli

- Owen shared a preliminary overview of the parking assessment data for the performance of an event restricted district .
- 2024 parking assessment data was compared to 2022 and 2023 findings
- Updates to on-the-ground characteristics
 - Hourly parking rate on event day went from \$4/hour to \$6/hour
 - Reduction in number of outdoor dining permits

- 18 more on-street stalls than last year
- Typical weekend – occupancies in 4 hour hot spots up to 96% (compared to 93% in 2023)
- Event weekday – increase in overall vehicle trips
- Typical weekday – reduced occupancy, occupancy is considered efficient or “ideal”
- Event weekend - same number of vehicle trips as 2022, occupancies in 4 hour spots are the same as 2022 (91%)
- Increasing the cost to park has not been seen to have an effect on parking demand
- Parking constraint was compared to Subzone B as a control, and during event weekdays and weekends, occupancy increased in Subzone B
- Observed strong enforcement presence

Committee discussion:

- SAC requested slides, and requested future presentations be shared at least 1 week in advance
- NW District Association has a good neighbor agreement
- There is a stadium oversight committee that meets three times a year to discuss traffic in the neighborhood
 - Stanley planning on attending next meeting, 1st week of November
 - Oversight committee helped establish free TriMet passes with season passes
- Some SAC members shared that increasing the rates for parking is an issue for different users of parking – an attendee of the game is willing to pay a higher rate, but maybe not a customer going to business district. There needs to be more nuance to measuring parking effectiveness than just levels of constraint – there also needs to be a balance of users and access.
- SAC would like to see PBOT increasing enforcement to what it should be in the parking district.
- SAC wants to understand what parking management tools are available to ensure various users can access parking.
 - PBOT is working with consultants to explore alternatives instead of raising rates
- One SAC member shared a worry that people will stop visiting if parking is too constrained
- SAC brainstormed parking constraint solutions, including utilizing off-site parking garages like Legacy, and changing timing of stalls, have pr for stadium events reach out to attendees to share alternatives to driving, and doubling fines for enforcement.

New Business:

- Who landscapes the trees on 25th? Noticed trucks in that area, who is paying for that?
 - Private person using a community-based approach
- PBOT will bring back restricted event district discussion for another meeting

- Three seats are available to fill on the SAC – please review recruitment materials, hoping to onboard new members in January
 - PBOT incorporated feedback from committee on draft description sent out last time
 - Recruitment process includes SAC involvement

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

PBOT Action Items

- Send up-to-date FY 2025/26 budget feedback forms to SAC, clarify changes
- PBOT to post September, October meeting recordings and meeting notes online and share with SAC
- PBOT enforcement
- PBOT to send SAC recruitment materials
- Share project list for NW in Motion
- Respond to budget questions from last month's meeting
- Future SAC meeting materials sent out at least a week in advance