



2012 Parking Think Tanks

Eastern (19 September 2012)

The second session of the 2012 Parking Think Tank series convened in the Eastern area of Washington, DC on 19 September 2012 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM at the Department of Employment Services Community Room at 4058 Minnesota Avenue, N.E. The minutes contained represent a summary of the session's discussion. The following individuals were in attendance:

Public (12):

DPW Staff (3)

DDOT Staff (6):

Parking Think Tank Presentation

Starting promptly at 6:35 PM, Mr. Angelo Rao convened the Eastern session of the 2012 Parking Think Tanks series. Mr. Rao provided an overview of the Think Tank purpose, population and mobility demographics, historical parking framework, and outlined the structure of the community conversations in five topic areas (metered parking, commercial parking, parking regulations (resident and activity center focuses), and general parking issues). After concluding his presentation, Mr. Rao responded to questions from the public regarding the content of his presentation and the process. At 6:55 PM, the public was asked to convene into a breakout session of their choice.

Community Conversation: Metered Parking

What is Working:

- Parking Meter Payment Options

Improvement Areas:

- Broken Meters
 - Leniency from ticketing if broken meter reported



Community Conversation: Commercial Parking

What is Working:

- Increase in revenues

Improvement Areas:

- Georgetown – need to receive all citations in writing
- Inconsistent display and placement of parking tickets on delivery vehicles
- Selective enforcement of parking violations on delivery trucks
- Separate tickets issued for tractor and trailer
- Tickets issued by multiple agencies
- Inadequate length of loading zones
- Clarification needed on regulations with respect to double parking (2401.2 in DCMR), and standing (2401.3 in DCMR)
- Non-commercial vehicles and service vehicles occupy loading zones for extended durations
- Conflicting signage in loading zones
- Bus zones too long
- Multiple standards (alleged) for carriers of different sizes (adjudication)

Community Conversation: Parking Regulations (Resident Focus)

What is Working:

- Doing a good job with signage
- Consistent restrictions
- Like mix of RPP and meters

Improvement Areas:

- Commuter Parking
 - East Capitol Street between 61st Street and Southern Avenue, NE
 - Do these blocks have RPP?
- RPP zones should be smaller
- More parking boxes like Nannie Helen Burroughs
- Unit Block 61st St, NE (Watts Branch Recreation Center)
 - Blocked Streets
 - Double Parking



- Litter
- Limited enforcement weekdays/weeknights

Community Conversation: Parking Regulations (Activity Center Focus)

What is Working:

- Temporary visitor pass
- Alternative parking
- Inventory of curbside to find facility based parking

Improvement Areas:

- Proactive solutions to visitor parking issues near activity centers (Pass?)

Community Conversation: General Parking

What is Working:

- Capital Bikeshare station placement
- Awareness of parking limitations by the public growing

Improvement Areas:

- Commuter tax if parking in DC with out of state tags
- Speed Enforcement
 - Commuters speeding down East Capitol Street
 - Need speed control (mix of permanent and temporary)
- More bike safety education/enforcement
 - Rules of the road for all
 - Help provide bike helmets for bikeshare
 - There is health pros and cons
 - Sanitation of reused helmets
 - Injury from lack of helmet
- Tiered enforcement
 - Citation penalties (varying values for 1 minute vs 1 hour late to meter)
 - Clarity in speed enforcement
 - Tiered approach for 1-5 mph vs 15 mph+



Community Conversation: Session Reporting

At 7:35 PM, Mr. Rao reconvened the Eastern session of the 2012 Parking Think Tanks series from the breakout sessions. Facilitators from each session reported on the major (3-5) findings within their breakout session. Upon the conclusion of the reports, Mr. Rao advised residents to keep abreast on the Parking Think Tank series progress via the DDOT website or to contact him with additional comments, questions, or concerns. Additionally, Mr. Rao asked that those in attendance complete an online parking survey. The session was adjourned at 8:00 PM.