



2012 Parking Think Tanks

Northern (20 October 2012)

The seventh session of the 2012 Parking Think Tank series convened in the Northern area of Washington, DC on 20 October 2012 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Mount Pleasant Library Community Room at 3160 16th Street N.W. The minutes contained represent a summary of the session's discussion. The following individuals were in attendance:

Public (14):

DDOT Staff (4):

Parking Think Tank Presentation

Starting promptly at 10:05 AM, Mr. Angelo Rao convened the Northern 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 10:30 AM, the session proceeded to a singular group discussion on parking issues and successes in the District, facilitated by Mr. Angelo Rao.

Community Conversation: Metered Parking

What is Working:

- Smart meters
- Red Top meters
- Meters on commercial corridors

Improvement Areas:

- Use smart meter technology to address the wide variety of parking needs and users.



Community Conversation: Parking Regulations (Resident Focus)

What is Working:

Improvement Areas:

- Online VPP / use technology to enable “print at home” VPP passes
- Improve parking access for those visiting DC residents (family, friends, contractors)
- Expand VPP system citywide

Community Conversation: Parking Regulations (Activity Center Focus)

What is Working:

Improvement Areas:

- Impacts of RPP on streets adjacent to churches – perceived impacts to parking accessibility for those attending church services.
 - Proposal for expanding 2 hour exemptions to 4 hours on Sunday to serve churches (some services last longer than 2 hours). Proposal to allow all day parking on Sunday to serve church parking needs for evening/early AM church programs (AM bible school, PM concerts, etc.)
- Impacts of parking on local businesses-how can parking be tailored to and best serve local commercial corridors and their uses (hours/days of week/regulations)
- Increased Communication and meetings among the following groups will better facilitate information gathering and collaborative decision-making
 - Churches
 - ANCs
 - DC Agencies
- Shared parking opportunities- are there locations (eg; school parking lots) that can be used on Sundays for church parking

Community Conversation: General Parking

What is Working:

- Streetscape improvement projects



Improvement Areas:

- Proposal for Municipal parking garages
- Increase public involvement in decision-making and increase public notice of changes to existing system or regulations
- Parking enforcement
 - Some areas require short-term, immediate needs and solutions for parking

Community Conversation: Session Reporting

At 11:40 AM, Mr. Rao reconvened the Northern session of the 2012 Parking Think Tanks series from the singular group discussion. 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 11:50 AM.