

Parking Working Group Notes

October 28th, 2010

The entire meeting was a Presentation by Jim Travers of the City of New Haven's Transportation, Traffic & Parking department with follow-up questions as well

For perspective: 850,000 residents in the metro with 14,000 businesses in the metro

The downtown itself has over:

- 10,000 residents

- 25,000 Yale affiliates (students, faculty, staff)

- 75% of the city's 80,000 jobs

- 5,948 private parking spaces (for public use)

- 5,654 NHPA spaces

- 1,955 on-street parking spaces

- 1,151 garage spaces at Union Station (not part of downtown technically)

- Not included is private parking (New Haven Towers, 9th Square, etc)

Annual point in time study (performed since 2003)

- The goal is to forecast demand using mapping tools

- Collect data on bike/ped activity

- 2009 estimated an 89% occupancy rate

New Parking Meters Test locations on Chapel b/w College&York, Broadway b/w York&Tower

- New meters will use credit cards and be interchangeable on the current poles used

- These will be installed by Thanksgiving

Residential Parking Zones

- 16 zones in the city with residency requirements (proof of residency)

- In 2010 there were 1,897 permits issued

- In 2011 there have been 1,319 permits issued

Follow-up questions:

Fines have been set for a number of years and haven't increased

How do other cities handle employee parking? We should research this solution and compare New Haven.

Zip Cars: how big is the demand for zip cars city wide? How many spaces could be converted to zip car usage? What's the barrier to renting with zip car? What is required in membership?

Do new meters employ pay by cell option?

How best to educate customers/downtown users about true cost of parking

How long is the ideal on-street parking visit? At what point (3 hours?) do we hope to push people to the garages?

Residential zone possible change: hang tag for residents/guest passes/meters for cheaters to incentivize system enforcement

Next Steps:

Doodle poll for the next meeting Downtown Focus (4th Thursday is Thanksgiving)

Parkmobile USA 11/10/10 – 11am meeting at City Hall – all are welcome

Invite YNHH parking staff to join

Invite NHPA representative to join