

Short North Parking Final Plan Presentation: **Questions & Answers**

1. Guest parking? Why am I paying for permits?

- a. Charge \$25 across city and will use the fees to pay costs of program. Will introduce a low-income provision. Permits, signs, and enforcement will be covered.
- b. Limited at 300 per year. There's an appeal process to have the conversation later. Need a plan that's not detrimental to any group in the Short North. Need a solution that helps everyone. Most people barely use hangtag and one day passes for guests as is.
- c. Don't want to issue too many guest permits and have to restrict later because no parking available to residents due to guests parking. Will continue to evaluate.

2. Long term resident guests?

- a. Can change license plate as often as you want – flexibility for residents

3. Residents can't find parking. Why not permit only after 6pm?

- a. There are more solutions than just permit-only parking. Great for some but puts others in a box. Can create more parking challenges for other groups. Also, overall occupancies in plan area demonstrate parking capacity.

4. Accessibility options?

- a. Phone number will be posted on signage, mobile options for application
- b. Can apply for permits at impound lot as well.

5. Explain how you will enforce 72-hour limit.

- a. Will enforce based on complaint. Not commonly known in Columbus that it's enforced only if someone complains. Won't use LPR to enforce.

6. Why can't border street residents park on both sides of the street?

- a. Streets are bisected. Either way it's sliced, there would be an inconvenience. Parking will be added to the east side of Dennison between Starr and south to the park. Safe and fine for traffic volume. Value added to put in parking. Will slow traffic.

7. Construction workers in neighborhood. How will it affect commercial services at home?

- a. Commercial vehicles servicing a property is exempt from permit restrictions. Must be identifiable as a commercial vehicle. Tickets issued if we see vehicles over and over in the same spot. Don't have to use guest passes for services at home.

8. How will schools be impacted?

- a. Reached out to schools and working with them on case-by-case basis, including parking permits for teachers. Hubbard is constrained – working to provide flexibility for school functions.
- b. Churches will also be on a case-by-case basis.

9. How will OSU football attendees on King be treated?

- a. Active enforcement from 7:30pm to 3:00am. They can chance parking there but there will be enforcement. 3-hour free parking, if it needs changed later, it will be changed.

10. For folks in suburbs, how will they be educated on parking?

- a. Signage
- b. Website/Social media
- c. Partnering with SN organizations to get word out to metro visitors and residents in the SN.
- d. Mobile app will have real-time parking information.
- e. Marketing campaign

11. Zone SNE. Why does it stop south mid-block on 9th Ave?

- a. OSU housing begins and would not be eligible for permits.
- b. Weinland Park not added (whole area) because don't want to put a parking plan where there isn't a parking problem.

12. Why not start process prior to November election day?

- a. November 1st was initial date. Around gallery hop and OSU game. November 13th is the new date to allow time for implementation and education. If not in November, will be in January

13. Clarify non-resident.

- a. Airbnb will be treated like resident parking unless they can prove they are a business. Have to be individually addressed.

14. Section 2105.21 – what does the code say and why change is necessary?

- a. Proposing changes to modernize parking system.
- b. Only piece that affects SN parking plan is creation of the benefit district .
- c. Can still implement plan without approval of code changes.
- d. Want flexibility to issue permits to different types of permit holders, not just focused on residents.
- e. Posted on the website to review.

15. How will the 80% rate be calculated?

- a. Take baseline counts between 3-5am and 7-9pm. Using LPR data to see if on average, we are achieving the occupancy rate. Will take multiple counts to account for anomalies.
- b. Expect rates to change in areas based on averages later on to help with the occupancy (aka reach 80%)

16. Why can't Dennison Place be included in one zone or the other, not both?

- a. North of 5th, different parking demand due to Campus. Didn't want to just expand inner and outer zones north. Don't want people to use permits to park close to Campus just for events. Inner zones could use their parking permits to get better parking north for events.
- b. Will be tweaked in 6 months if needed

17. Why are you forcing people to cross high street at Dennison Place?

- a. The plan allows for flexibility across High Street north of 5th Avenue, however not forcing anyone to park across High Street and believe there will be adequate parking for Dennison Place permit holder west of High.

18. When will this go citywide?

- a. 2019 once Short North plan is implemented
- b. Working with Children's Hospital area to set up new parking restrictions as well
- c. Will begin meeting with German Village this year
- d. Not all areas are the same
- e. 2020 will transition all permits from stickers and hangtags to virtual permitting

19. Will garages be listed as available parking on app?

- a. We will work with mobile app vendor to try to make that information available

20. 10pm cut off will encourage drunk driving. Why?

- a. Can't create system to account for personal responsibility.

21. Why create unsafe situation south of Dennison on Buttles? (adding parking)

- a. Adding parking on both sides will slow traffic because street will feel more narrow
- b. Dennison won't be turned into one-way
- c. No meters at park – mobile pay only; eventually will remove meters already around the park
- d. If safety is a problem, will be changed after evaluation

22. What will the financial impact be as residents leave area?

- a. Property values will not be diminished b/c permit holders in this area will have special privileges that other city areas don't have (such as LPR, 24-hr enforcement, etc.)

23. Why is this meeting in direct conflict with Victorian Village commission meeting?

- a. Agenda for Commission was not set when this parking meeting was scheduled.

24. We are a small business with 10 employees and over 1000 clients. We can't afford the permits.

- a. You can have multiple plates on a permit. Not one vehicle to one permit relationship. Must have flexibility to make it work.
- b. Working to build partnerships to provide more affordable options – more access options, parking validation, etc.

25. Did the task force support or reject the proposed plan?

- a. There was no consensus on all plan elements by the task force, particularly time restrictions and permit only hours of operation.

26. Are businesses stakeholders on streets where they aren't located?

- a. All groups are stakeholders in the Short North. Streets are public. Must prioritize different groups in different areas. Using toolkit of time limits, fees, and permit zones to address pain points for different groups. Need to achieve stated occupancy goal to make sure there are no major pain points.
- b. Commercial interests do not outweigh resident issues. Removing "resident" from "resident permit" in proposed municipal code revision is not meant to adversely impact residents. Rules and regulations currently prioritize residents, but it needs to benefit other individuals on public streets as well.

27. Are there Handicap parking spaces in Short North?

- a. Parking Services offers a program where the City installs ADA signage if you meet certain requirements. For more information visit www.columbus.gov/publicservice/parking
Vehicles parking in an ADA space with proper credentials do not need a permit.

28. After three hours, do I have to move to a new zone?

- a. Yes, in mobile payment only areas (permit streets)
- b. Limit is meant to prioritize residents, not meant for long term parking
- c. Utilize guest validation if you have guest parking longer than 3 hours or overnight