



Parking Implementation and Governance Committee

Meeting Date: August 4, 2015

Time: 8:00—9:30 am

Location: Town Manager's Conference Room, Town Hall Annex

Attendance: Steve Biagioni (Arlington Catholic), Steve Byrne (Selectmen), Adam Chapdelaine (Town Manager), Mike Gordon (resident), Howard Muise (TAC), Corey Rateau (Police), Leland Stein (Arl. Ctr. Merchants), Laura Wiener (Planning)

Non-members present: Leo McCue (McCue Taxi), Tom Whelan (Arlington Veterans Taxi), Abdullahi Magan (Boston Ride), James Milan (ACMI)

Not present: Steve Gilligan (Treasurer), Mike Morse (Treasurer), John Hurd (Chamber of Commerce)

Taxis. The cab owners presented data on calls coming from standing cabs vs. phone calls. Leo estimated about 6 standing calls and 3-6 phone calls per day. He estimated that they are losing 40% of their calls to Uber and Lyft. Steve Byrne asked if there are other locations where cab stands could go. The Arlington Center locations are among the best parking spaces in the Center. The hotel and movie theatre in East Arlington were mentioned. Adam asked owners to submit data for their busiest month and their slowest month regarding phone calls vs. standing calls for taxis, and get the data to the Town before the next meeting of this group.

IPS Single Space Meters. Howard noted that he has used IPS meters elsewhere and they work well. They seem to be very flexible. Mike Gordon said he thought they were easy to use. We can add pay-by-phone later. Corey thought they would be easy for enforcement, though not sure about 15 minutes free. Steve Biagioni suggested we want to make sure that parkers can put money in before the hours of operation to pay ahead. Provision for 15 minutes free parking has been approved by Selectmen so if we make a change it will have to go back to them. Parkers can hit a button to get first 15 minutes free, but there is no way to prevent them from doing it repeatedly. Or, pay .25 for first half hour. Steve Byrne thought it might work around Town Hall. Howard noted that one of the goals of the program is to make the parking regulations throughout the Center more uniform. Leland thought we might consider a single 15 minute space without a meter. Laura suggested we start with no 15 minutes free but re-evaluate after 6-12 months. Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that they remove the 15 minutes free provision, because it appears to be impractical and difficult to enforce.

The spec. sheet for the multi-space meters submitted by IPS was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Workplan for next meeting.

Cab companies—data on pick-ups from taxi stand in Center vs. pick-ups from phone calls

Adam—plan for procurement

Laura, Corey, Howard—Sign plan for parking lot

Future meetings scheduled

Tuesday August 25, 8:00 am