Parking Committee
June 7, 2017

Notes

1. Committee Updates
   a. Buffalo St. Parking/No Parking – Committee agreed to develop standards for parking/no parking decisions with further data on proper road sizing, input from fire dept. regarding safety recommendations, and where “curb & gutter” situations must be considered. Further efforts to communicate these guidelines now taking place.

2. Guest: David Rich, Project Development Director from Rich & Associates/Parking Consultants
   a. Feedback regarding TIA Study/Clarkston Business Owner Survey/City Manager Parking Proposal
   b. Questions from Parking Committee – David Rich offered great insights into the parking situation, and our appreciation for his help was noted. Based on his experience, David offered a first-step option for stepping up enforcement of existing parking ordinances and/or posted signage. This should be preceded by thorough communication to the public of the reinvigorated enforcement intentions. This would help identify problem areas and/or parking spots being chronically occupied beyond posted hours, or used by business employees. Likewise, this would allow for data gathering as to where our “premium” parking spots are located and the current turnover rates. Knowing turnover rates helps to identify revenue estimates. It would also serve as a way to set standards for enforcement that will be of utmost importance in any paid parking scenario – basically, get people to be aware of the existing rules before potentially implementing more related to paid parking. The committee agreed that an enforcement revitalization is a good first step and will explore. Other suggestions were noted such as a grace period for paid parking tickets aimed at getting people used to the idea, 2-hour limits for meters, charging premiums for premium spots, and that proper enforcement will make or break any paid parking efforts.

Note: Committee feels that holding a Community Conversation on 6/20 is premature at this point in the process, therefore it has been postponed. The event will take place at a later date.

Next Parking Committee Meeting: 6/15 @ 6:30pm at City Hall