

# GOBERKELEY SMARTSPACE: VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE SOUTHSIDE\TELEGRAPH NEIGHBORHOOD

Notes from 12-15-2021 Community Meeting 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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Number of Attendees: 66

## Break-out Group (Room 2)

### Employee Parking

- **Resident:** Enthusiastic about passes; would it be for specific streets to dissipate parking demand?
- **Resident:** Don't want to hurt stores or employees - would do most damage to property values
- **Resident:** Sympathetic to working class people; don't want to be punitive
- **Resident:** How many employees permits in relation to how many resident permits?
- **Merchant:** I pay for 2 or 3 people making \$30-40/hr. every 2 hrs. to move their car; takes 10-20 minutes; there is a way to make this work
- **Merchant:** Recommendation by merchant: Find a way to make the program flexible for businesses that are only open a couple days of the week
- **Resident:** support helping merchant and employees; we need the data to know more; using duration of stay seems inaccurate
- **Resident:** We have childcare workers and a preschool they should get a permit too
- **Merchant:** Recommendation by merchant: There should be a package of options that businesses can give their employees; transit; bike; etc.
- **Resident:** 1987 Tom Kelley acted as mediator and came up with merchant parking program
- **Resident:** Recommendation by resident: Merchant employees are already parking, and I support Merchant permit expansion perhaps 2 or more per business
- **Resident:** First, we need data on how many people are using which modes
- **Resident:** Area B is already oversubscribed; more permits than spaces
- **Resident:** West of BHS where students park; that's a greenhouse gas problem
- **Resident:** Profile of parkers is different along college than near Ashby; Hospital/Elmwood; Provide passes to people who can't afford it
- **Resident:** Do you have several students who hold permits?

- **Resident:** How many merchant employees are there and how many are part time workers?
- **Resident:** Can you limit permit to specific block-faces
- **Resident:** Don't want the grant to handcuff us to a solution
- **Resident:** Is it a good time to gather data during a pandemic?

### Commuter Benefit Programs

- **Resident:** Public Transit is a noble thing, but it won't work for everyone; especially during COVID
- **Resident:** Takes a long time to ride a bus to Elmwood transit pass won't work
- **Resident:** Recommendation by resident Provide spaces in Center Street garage and provide a shuttle for employees.

### Extend Time-Limits

- **Resident:** Data don't account for domestic workers and visitors
- **Resident:** Concerned about extending to 4 hours; will open to Cal students to park