

GOBERKELEY SMARTSPACE: VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE SOUTHSIDE/TELEGRAPH NEIGHBORHOOD

Notes from 12-16-2021 Community Meeting 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Team: Dana Rubin, Ezra Pincus-Roth, Ayaka Habu, Gordon Hansen, Matthew Cotterill

Number of Attendees: 21

Polls

Parking Passes

Poll ended | 1 question | 10 of 16 (62%) participated

1. Do you support providing employee parking passes to local merchant employees? (Single Choice) *

10/10 (100%) answered

Yes (6/10) 60%

No (0/10) 0%

Hesitant, I would like to learn more during break-out gr... (4/10) 40%

Commuter Benefits

Poll ended | 1 question | 11 of 17 (64%) participated

1. Do you support working with merchants to provide commute benefits to help employees travel to and from the Southside\Telegraph neighborhood? (Single Choice) *

11/11 (100%) answered

Yes (8/11) 73%

No (0/11) 0%

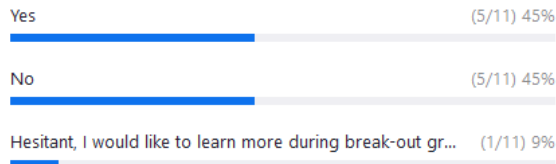
Hesitant, I would like to learn more during break-out gr... (3/11) 27%

Extending RPP Limits

0:26 | 1 question | 11 of 17 (64%) participated

1. Do you support extending unpaid time limits in RPP zones to allow guests, workers, and/or other visitors to park for longer to avoid the 2-hour shuffle? (For example, 4-hour time limits instead of 2-hour time limits) (Single Choice) *

11/11 (100%) answered



Break-out Session #1

Resident: I don't understand that on Telegraph, there are four parking lots here. Why can't those be used by the employees by the businesses. It's a city garage, the merchants can subsidize it. Why aren't they using it now?

Gordon: What discount rate, and how many available spots? They can be answered during the pilot.

Resident: Will UC Berkeley provide support for this project?

Gordon: UC Berkeley is on the community advisory group. And we would also support UC Berkeley's own transportation goals.

Resident: I appreciate you holding this meeting. It's not always easy to find what's happening and when meetings are happening.

Resident: I'm an administrator for a kindergarten. Although the 2-hour limit is a problem during an event. Generally, the 2-hour shuffle is not a problem for the school. We do spend \$1,500 a month to get a staff parking. **Recommendation by resident:** If we could have employee parking spaces for purchase, it would be great. They are already doing

that. If they must pay for parking, they will find ways around that and that could be hazardous.

Gordon: Explained the NSCF permit

Resident: What you said about dealing Merchants is a wonderful idea. That's where this whole problem stemmed from. If you and City of Berkeley is willing to work with merchants with the variety of options presented today. The two-hour shuffle is not the problem. Most of the people who come to southside or Elmwood are here to do a little shopping, so two hour is enough. Charging for parking when it's not really a problem, except for employees who are stuck for 8-hour shift. Why introduce new infrastructure?

Gordon: Yes

Resident: Maybe these solutions could work in a dense and merchant oriented could work. But these blocks you are thinking is very different. Spend the time studying it.

Resident: Let's forget about the infrastructure thing and get a real study.

Resident: Has a survey been send out to TBID asking them whether they drive their cars, park in the area? Getting information from them would be useful.

Gordon: Yes, our online survey right now has specific question about employees and employers. We have worked with business improvement districts. We haven't received as many responses, so we are pivoting tactics. We are creating a simple spreadsheet, asking how many employees and how they travel.

Gordon: North Dwight ways has apartment complexes without driveway spaces. We conjecture on-street parking spaces being used.

Resident: When will this go to council?

Gordon: Tentatively late spring early summer 2022

Break-out Group 2

Resident: Meeting may need to be redone and remarketed; according to Berkeleyside the paid parking issue was off the table

Resident: Two-hour shuffle; not an issue on my block of parker

Resident: Employee parking; want to support merchants and employees; our block is far from campus tele and Elmwood; not an issue

Resident: Don't want to create a situation where we are inviting people to our block

Resident: One block north the situation changes.

Resident: Second the previous speaker; I live on Hillegass just outside the boundary.

Resident: Two-hour shuffle has never been an issue.

Resident: Parking is often difficult on our street often from customers.

Resident: Biggest issue is that this is a money generated answer in search of a problem.

Resident: Instead spend money on more study of the issue; we're spending money on infrastructure with kiosks and once those are in, they are entrenched.

Resident: Question whether parking enforcement is paid for by parking fees.

Resident: This is a student used area not a shoppers' area.

Resident: What are the changes referred to?

Resident/Elementary school administrator: During events at the school; generally, the parking isn't an issue for the school but we spend a lot of money for garage spaces and would rather spend money on the.