



HOSFORD-ABERNETHY  
NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

April 26, 2017

RE: Residential Parking Permits

Mayor Ted Wheeler

Dear Mayor Wheeler,

During the April 25, 2017 meeting of the Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND) Board Executive Committee, with HAND board members present acting as the Rapid Response Committee there was agreement to support the March 18, 2017 letter by the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association (SNA) urging you and the City Council to address the recommendations of the Centers + Corridors Parking Stakeholders' Committee as soon as possible.

We agree that delaying Council consideration of the proposal places an unnecessary burden on those residents who find their neighborhood streets filling with cars belonging to renters and owners in multi-family developments with limited or no added parking. We believe that the proposal that would provide a limited number of permits available for sale, address parking demand management with a surcharge, and include restricted numbers of permits available to those with multiple vehicles and those living outside the permit area is toolkit that fairly addresses a controversy that contributes to resistance to residential infill. The letter from the SNA states the case well.

Actions taken by the HAND Rapid Response Committee are subject to ratification by the full board during the next business meeting, which will be held on June 20, since the May meeting is the annual meeting, a different format.

HAND looks forward to evidence that you are attentive to neighborhood concerns and issues that may vary from district to district.

Very best regards,

Susan E Pearce, HAND Chair



March 18, 2017

Re: Residential Parking Permits

Dear Mayor Wheeler,

In 2013, City Council directed PBOT to work with neighborhoods and other stakeholders to develop a toolbox of solutions for on-street parking problems. The Area Permit Program (APP) currently available to neighborhoods is only designed to manage parking congestion caused by park and ride commuters and is not available, or equipped, to deal with issues caused by infill development and commercial activity.

In December, Council heard a proposal from PBOT for a residential permit program which would provide neighborhoods and PBOT with the authority and flexibility to develop and implement effective overnight permits. The program, which was based on a unanimous recommendation of a year-long stakeholder advisory committee, would allow limiting of the number of permits sold, parking surcharges to manage demand, and restrictions to the availability of permits to residents who live outside the permit zone and/or own multiple vehicles.

Council did not vote on this proposal in December and the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association board is concerned that quite a long time may pass before these tools are made available to neighborhoods like ours. Parking is a controversial issue and the lack of tools to manage on-street parking is a major factor in resistance to new residential infill and commercial development.

We urge you to provide neighborhoods with a parking management toolkit, including overnight residential permits as soon as possible. The work of this committee should not be shelved for years, awaiting data from NW Portland, a region which was not even included in those studied by the Centers + Corridors Parking Stakeholder Committee.

Sincerely,

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