

Finding a Spot: RPPD – 1/25 – “What we heard” Summary

Community Values & Guiding Principles

- General alignment with values and guiding principles
- Safety was expressed as a value and should be added as a guiding principle
- Sustainability and climate goals supported, perceived by some as justification for not unlocking available parking in residential areas to commuters
- High value expressed for active transportation, walkability
 - o “Love neighborhood walkability and proximity to so many great parts of town: campus, College Ave, businesses, midtown, and downtown.”
- Fiscal responsibility supported by residents through the use of citation revenue to cover costs of district enforcement
- Support for data-driven decisions and data and decision making transparency
 - o “Data-driven decisions are good, but I would like to know more about where that data might be coming from and how the data is guiding the decisions”

What’s working:

- Parking is available in front of or near resident’s homes
- District has resulted in less traffic, circulation, congestion in neighborhoods

What’s not working

- Budget transparency and financial structure of program
- Data availability and transparency
- Consistency of enforcement
- Difficulty with visitor permit system & technology
- Suspicion about City’s motives (making money vs fiscal sustainability)
- Lack of trust in staff, Parking Commission
- Lack of collaboration with MSU Parking Services

What are we not asking? Other themes noted

- Is there/should there be a hierarchy of Values/Guiding Principles? Climate vs Community vs Equity etc.
- Underutilized parking supply should be made available either through the dissolution of the district or the sale of commuter permits
- The program pushes the problem (high non-resident parking demand) right outside of the boundaries resulting in neighborhood requests to expand the district onto their streets
- Management of "high users" (e.g., apartments/sororities/fraternities) that place lots of vehicles on the streets at a proportion that is not consistent with the residential norm in the district
- Issues around game day/MSU events
- How to get more people to buy permits?