

**City of Portland**  
**Disabled Parking Task Force (DPTF)**  
**April 26, 2011– Meeting #18 Notes**  
**1120 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Broadway Room**

**Action items highlighted**

Present:

Members: Betty Brislawn, Nickole Cheron, Steve Entler, Lisa Frisch, Michael Hall, Al Hoguet, Joe VanderVeer

Staff: Nolan Mackrill, Ruth Lane, Julie Roe, Lavinia Gordon, George Hocker from Commissioner Fish's Office

Ruth distributed packets to members.

Nolan reviewed the agenda and notes from the last meeting, with no changes offered. **Ruth will post them online.**

Nolan brought up Betty's suggestions to the group to send the same letter that the TF sent to the Oregon Medical Association also to the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians and the Physicians for Social Responsibility, Oregon chapter. The TF approved and also stated that they wanted to send such a letter to all three groups annually as a reminder and update. **Ruth will handle sending the letters. Nolan will check into putting the letter into the book physicians get from the DMV.**

Review of Recommendation

Nolan reported on City Attorneys' review of the TF's draft recommendation. The basic concept of four hours free plus a permit for extended hours was acceptable to the City Attorney. They also approved a fee and sliding scale. **Staff will check into using a sliding scale already accepted for low-income housing.** The group then discussed parking at low-income housing. Nickole stated that housing authorities cannot ask if someone needs a disabled-designated space, but one who requires such a space needs to ask for it. The contact at the city for related questions is Terry Whitehall in the Bureau of Sustainable Development, 503-823-7639.

Moving back to the review, the group asked to remove the word "privilege" from the report as it is a charged word in the community.

Nolan noted that the City Attorneys removed the requirement for a second visit to a physician, as that requirement appeared to duplicate what was needed to obtain a State placard. Nickole and Michael suggested additional questions to be asked of the applicant and the group agreed

- 1) I require the use of a personal vehicle for transportation (yes or no); and
- 2) I require not having to move my vehicle after 4 hours of free parking in a restricted zone in a meter district (yes or no).

Optional: due to Employment, Resident, Other

### Public Outreach

The TF wants to educate the public that placards belong to the person with the State ID, not the vehicle. The group wants a vigorous media campaign, with frequent messages, perhaps a sting operation, perpetrators on camera, etc. Get one channel to give airtime and others will follow suit. (No tasks were assigned.)

### Guidelines for Success

- Measure turnover and number of placards in use before and after implementation of the permit program.
- Number of city permits issued.

The TF and Commissioner Fritz want SmartPark garages to make some concession, perhaps offer spaces at the same cost as the permit, \$100 per month, even if only 5 spaces per garage. **Staff has talked with and will continue discussion with SmartPark garage management.**

### Presentations

The presentation to Portland Commission on Disability (PCod) is Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 12:15PM. The group selected Joe, Jan and Betty to represent them; staff will introduce the recommendation and answer questions. The group discussed how this option is based on best practices and is intended to reduce abuse. **Ruth will invite all TF members to the presentation. For the presentation, she will draft a brief background on why the group chose the option and the zone, and a written description of the map for those with low vision, and send it to the presenters in a week.**

Someone asked if we could reduce abuse by more enforcement; Nolan stated that Parking Enforcement has maintained about the same number of citations for unlawful use this year as last year, and they are using staff the best they can.

Jan requested that permit fees go to amenities for the disabled community and the TF agreed. Staff will develop a detailed proposal including that “funds collected less administrative costs will be allocated for projects helping the community of persons with disabilities”. Lisa suggested that our outreach include this provision, and the request for feedback contributing to a comprehensive list of such projects, as key to “shopping” our idea around.

The current ordinance temporarily extending pre-SB 716 privileges to regular placard holders expires at the end of June. Ruth will draft an ordinance to extend temporarily to regular placard holders the ability to park with no limit or fee through December, with a note that “a full report with a new recommendation is forthcoming pending the Task Force’s public outreach effort”.

### Next Steps

- Send revisions and PCod invitation to all TF members (by May 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Presenters meet week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Present Recommendation to Accessible Built Environment (subcommittee of PCod - May 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-11:30 AM, 1900 Building)
- Present Recommendation to Downtown Retail Council (May 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:00 AM)
- Present Recommendation to PCod (May 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-12:15 PM)
- Draft ordinance to extend temporarily parking with no limit or fee to regular placard holders through December (for hearing May 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Coordinate Open House (maybe digital) or visits to stakeholder organizations (June-July)
- Brief Commissioners’ staff (one week before Council hearing date)
- Present Report with Recommendation to Council (maybe August; by November)

### List of Possible Stakeholders

- Oregon Commission for the Blind
- Elders in Action
- Oregon HEAD (Higher Education and Disability)

- Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Connecting Communities Coalition
- Independent Living Resources

Nickole will email a fuller list to Ruth with meeting dates for each organization as possible.

Ruth will make a meeting for next week for presenters and send them a draft background for review and editing as soon as possible.

Ruth Lane 4/26/11, 5/3/11, 6/15/11