

RNA Meeting, February 26, 2018

Board members present: John, Shannon, Jackson, Rachel, Ann, Jen, and Rebecca

Members present: 56

Next meeting is a social at 6:30pm at Wiley Gunter's

Safety report, Shannon
(no police present)

Q: The 1400 block of belt is having a lot of car theft by same person, on video, and police are aware of suspect. What else can we do? Call it in, [register video camera with police dept.](#)

Parking Presentation

Steve Robinson, Parking Authority, Manager of Residential Parking

- What is the Residential Parking Permit (RPP)? RPP- 100% discriminatory parking practice in favor of residents (allowed by a US Sup. Ct case stemming from a VA case), promotes clean air, reduces traffic, preserves quality of life for residents, and protects residents from unreasonable burden of getting home
- How do we get a RPP? By voting throughout the community. RNA application is very comprehensive and accommodates church, residents, businesses, and social aspects of the community (park)
- City will draft 10 block pilot area for petition by the RNA volunteers. 60% of households (verified) in favor of the permit is needed. If that happens RPP goes through
- Area 30 example started with two blocks in 2008, and then grew for entire neighborhood
- Permits are \$20 per year, per permit, up to 4 per household
- RPP has been studied by the south Baltimore parking study
- The least amount of time it takes is 14 months from petition to permit

Rachel, RNA Facebook

- public comments on parking study are still able to be submitted for two more days, link will be reposted on facebook

Jeff Brown, Chair of parking committee

- History of Riverside RPP- started in 2012 after a vote to pursue
- Formed a committee
- Plan was drafted in 2013 after input from residents, Parks n rec, churches and schools
- Its not a perfect solution to the parking problem
- in 2014 Dept of Transportation decided they wanted to do a parking study, and would not approve any changes in area until completed, so RNA RPP was put on hold
- Dec 2017 parking study completed, comments requested
- RNA has been invited to resubmit application for RPP, and has submitted
- Parking Authority will begin zoning checks, drafting petition for pilot area
- Any resident can sign and be called by city for verification (renters and owners)
- RNA will do an awareness campaign

- After pilot area has been permitted, 6 month wait, then add block by block contiguously
- RNA specific application
 - Rec' and Park has signed off on RPP around the park but later hours (starts at 11pm)
 - Church and businesses get 10 passes, no commercial vehicles allowed
 - NFB gets 10 passes
 - TJ gets 10 passes for education reasons, no commercial vehicles allowed
 - Non residents have a 2 hr parking window 5-11pm Mon-Sat, 1-11pm Sun. No parking for non-residents 11pm-7am.
 - \$20 per permit, 4 cars allowed per household, 1 visitor pass (\$20)
 - party passes are available for one day events up to 4 per month
 - if residents have a parking pad, the household is allowed the same amount of permits than houses w/out parking
- 6 month grace period by city before ticketing

Questions from community

Q: (1500 bl of covington) pg 32 of parking study referred to riverside paying for occupancy but doesn't have RPP. Please explain. (Steve) parking permit study used former definition of Riverside which also includes what is now Federal Hill South.

Q: (follow up) why are we not pursuing angled parking? Street specific due to space, and general position of RNA is the city should implement angled parking, and is working with Council and hope to have an answer by April meeting

Q: how many spaces are gained by angled parking? And can we have painted spaces? (steve) up to 40-50% added, and its safer for pedestrians and cyclists (steve) legal parking spots (20' long) would have to be painted, and is less effective

Q: VFW will still have public parking spaces still because its a business? Yes

Q: (follow up) reverse angle is mandated? Yes

Q: can an out of state vehicle be registered? Yes, if under the MD exceptions. Permit holders must show proof of residence and proof that car is allowed to be driven in MD

Q: questions re: permit hours- on one sheet handout

Q: can we paint one spot per block to model a space? (Steve) doesn't recommend

Q: why are we doing this incrementally? The task is too big to roll out at once

Q: park events? Over by 11, and there will be parking enforcement but the signs are deterrents

Q: RPP is only a partial solution, and why is there not more pressure on public parking being built in south baltimore? (steve) funding issues, city is aware of issue and concerns. Ex- West st has a 4 yr waiting list.

Q: why dont we work with places like medstar to offer off hours parking? (Ann) owners of parking lots are not interested for liability reasons, and parking lots/garages are the most expensive option for the community

Q: explain party pass and visitor pass? Show proof that you live there, apply with time and date of event in person at parking authority and you will get paper one day passes. Not available during stadium events.

Q: why dont we increase prices per permit per house, after two cars? This has been recommended

Q: if your street has no parking, can you still get a permit? Yes, once your block has been touched by a RPP area

Q: what is the timeline of a specific block? we need volunteers to help this move as quickly as possible

Q: what about motorcycles? There is a way to post permit on motorcycle

Q: this seems like a money grab from city because it doesn't fix the problem. (steve) It helps the problem.

Q: what happens if we dont get 60%, is there a back up plan? Some blocks can individually apply for permit

Q: why are renters allowed? The city is made up of a lot of renters.

Q: can the park be put into pilot program? Its last on the list.

Q: what % of spaces are commercial/residential businesses (apartments) required to provide for residents? Depends on deal made when development was approved

Q: why doesn't the city enforce this? Zoning board is in charge

Q: why is the signature process not electronic? (Steve) City mandates it is not electronic

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