

# NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PERMIT (NPP) PROGRAM STUDY SESSION

City of Boulder • Tuesday February 9, 2016

# Purpose

2

- Background on NPP
- Council feedback on operational and policy issues
- Council feedback on the work plan:
  - Chautauqua Access Management Plan (CAMP)
  - Access Management and Parking Strategy (AMPS)

# Questions for Council

3

- ❑ 1. Does council have feedback on current programs and approaches?
- ❑ 2. What is council feedback on policy issues – zone creation and regulations?
- ❑ 3. What is council feedback on CAMP?
- ❑ 4. Should staff temporarily cease processing NPP applications?
- ❑ 5. Any further questions/feedback on the NPP?

# Background: the Basics

4

- NPP dates to 1990s:
  - Intended to address parking impacts from commercial districts, universities and high schools
- Legislative intent:
  - Shared street
  - Enhance quality of life
  - Preference to residents
- NPP Mechanics:
  - Time restrictions, exempt with permits
    - Residents, commuters, businesses

# Background: the Basics

5

- Method of zone creation/expansion
  - Resident-initiated through petition or
  - City manager-initiated
  - Regulations: residents must support
  - Criteria to qualify
  - Public process: public meeting(s), TAB, council call up
- Enforcement
  - Regular enforcement, zone dependent

# Operational issues

6

- Permit management:
  - Resident
  - Commuter
  - Visitor
- Reducing non-permitted parking time request:  
Whittier and Mapleton
- Short-term rental policy
- Status of NPP requests in 2016

# Policy issue: Zone creation/spillover

7

- Proactive versus reactive
- All existing NPPs initiated by residents
- Staff observations:
  - Resistance from residents without current problems
  - Difficult to predict location of spillover
  - Hill district is at equilibrium

# Policy issue: Zoning

8

- Regulations:
  - Primarily zoned RH, RM, RL
  - Regulations focus on impacts from adjacent zones, i.e. commercial next to residential
    - Business permits for grandfathered, one-off uses
    - Primarily residential permits
- Steelyards request: mixed use zone
  - Integrated residential and commercial uses
  - Regulations do not fit needs
  - Need a tailored solution

# Policy issues: exclusive use, days and proximity

9

- Current code and regulations support a shared street approach and:
  - Do not contemplate exclusive use;
  - Prohibit parking restrictions on Sundays and holidays;
  - Prohibit night time and weekend parking restrictions for neighborhoods located adjacent to:  
*“certain public and community uses, including but not limited to public schools, public parks, churches and other places of assembly, Chautauqua and Boulder Mountain Park, other large site parking and Open Space lands (including trail access points), and greenway corridors.”*

# Policy issue: Financial

10

- Resident and business permit pricing
  - Resident and business pricing last increased in 2006
  - Reconsider visitor permit pricing to discourage misuse
- Program “revenue neutrality”
  - Revenues cover administrative costs (not enforcement)
  - 70% from commuter permits
  - NPP: Enforcement is 15% of total revenue, 40-50% of resources
- Consider as part of AMPS parking pricing

# CAMP

- Background – 2012 CAMP process
  - Parking issues in the leasehold
  - Safety issues on Baseline Road
- 2015 City/CCA lease – develop a CAMP
- 14 Distinct Governing Principles including:
  - Consider needs of all stakeholders
  - Prioritize pedestrians and users of the historic core
  - Minimize restrictions to public access

# CAMP

12

- CAMP Operating Assumptions
  - Consider managed parking in leasehold and/or in surrounding neighborhoods
  - Consider paid parking in some areas
  - Consider feasible enhancements to other modes of access such as transit service

# CAMP

13

- Alternative for development of CAMP
  - Develop the CAMP for implementation in the summer of 2016 using historic data collected in 2012
  - Collect new baseline data in the summer of 2016 and use this data to develop the CAMP for implementation in the summer of 2017

# TAB Feedback

14

- Incremental approach works
- Proceed with residents' requests in 2016
- CAMP: support staff recommendation
- Consider parking management options for mixed use areas
- Consider the role of enforcement and revenue in the upcoming parking pricing discussion

# Next steps

15

- Proceed with:
  - Permit management
  - Short-term rental policy
  - Request for reduction of hours
  - AMPS work plan: pricing and revenue neutrality
- Based on feedback, scope work plan for:
  - Program review regarding zone creation and regulations
- CAMP

# Questions for council

16

- 1 / 5. Does council have feedback on current programs and approaches?
  - Permit management
  - Process for reduced time for non-permitted parking
  - Short-term rental requirements
  - AMPS pricing review for resident, visitor and business permits and “revenue neutrality”

# Questions for council

17

- 2/5. What is council feedback on policy issues
  - NPP zone creation?
  - NPP regulations review?
    - Zoning requirements
    - Exclusive use/day of the week/proximity to open space/parks

# Questions for council

18

- 3/5. What is council feedback on CAMP?
  - Operating assumptions
    - Consider managed parking in leasehold and/or in surrounding neighborhoods
    - Consider paid parking in some areas
    - Consider feasible enhancements to other modes of access such as transit service
  
  - Option 2: study in 2016; implement in 2017

# Questions for council

19

- 4/5. Should staff temporarily cease processing NPP applications?

# Questions for council

20

- 5/5. Any further questions/feedback on the NPP?