

Local Transit and Parking

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I. Introductions

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II. Objective

Understand the issues; collaborate to improve mobility between key pods
PODS – Base Area (Ski Time Square and East hotel), CCP (w/ YVMC, Strings and Sundance), Downtown (w/Howelsen Hill), West (Library, TIC, Park n' Ride)

III. Short Term

a. Update from Joe and next steps on DT Shuttle Stops

A mechanism to inform the public for an open house or information session is needed. Lodging companies, downtown retailers/restaurants, will be involved in the process. Alpine Taxi shuttles will utilize the new designated parking. Tracey and Joe will collaborate to gather and email contact information for the group to assist in distribution. A proposal, timeline, map and sample sign will be available to hand out to interested companies. Meagan will put information on the Chamber website. In the coming weeks, the newspaper may be willing to write an article featuring the shuttle stops/system.

b. CPP Shuttles

The incentive system at Central Park and the issue of private parking is a challenge. The first priority is to educate the group on the system and brainstorm other options. Central Park may have ideas for improving use of the space. There may be technological tools available to assist with staging areas and timing for pick-ups. A sheltered area is necessary for waiting. Bob will reach out to CPP.

c. Streetscape input for Philo

The forum is tomorrow at 3pm at Centennial Hall. Yampa and Oak Street layouts will be reviewed.

IV. Long Term:

a. Parking Management

Parking management has several facets including enforcement, design, structures, etc. The parking group should design recommendations for efficiency while knowing that parking garage options are long-term solutions. There are methods for maximizing the current parking spaces and the group should review the options. The Walker Study focused mainly on parking garages. Paid parking, signage with time limits, parking zones, and parking layout options need to be addressed.

The group will create a list of issues, review studies that are documented (metrics for current number of spaces by type), and recommend additional studies. Is there a parking problem or a walking problem? Is the problem the number of employees and others that park downtown for the entire day? There are differences between retail businesses and other types of business such as real estate offices. At the next meeting, the group will identify problems and prioritize them within each pod.

b. Other

Next meeting – December 15, 2008 at First National Bank of the Rockies at 3pm