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Manchester Parking Committee

Meeting May 15, 2023

Attending:

Ellen Robertson (City Council)
Lynne Lancaster (City of Richmond)
Glenda Kotchish (Manchester Alliance)
Jessie Boyland (remote connect)
Dart (Deuce) Jewell
Kirk Johnson
Niki Martell
Elvin Schrock
Jessie White (remote connect)
Joe Yates

We gathered at Art Works and discussed issues with parking in Manchester. Citizens had the opportunity to submit concerns and make suggestions for solutions prior to the meeting. These are included in this document.

The group proposed doing some research and creating a hybrid plan for Manchester since Manchester is very diverse in types of residential dwellings and businesses. Lynne Lancaster will bring a large map to the next meeting so that we can figure out zones that might have different needs and approaches to solutions.

A list of topics to be studied is listed below.

The next meeting will be June 19, 2023, 6 p.m. at Art Works (320 Hull Street). Meetings are open to any and all Manchester residents and business owners.

Minutes created by: Glenda Kotchish



Traffic Solution / Suggestions

Description

Hull Street - State Designation	Contact the State of VA and ask what the designation is for Hull Street. Certain designations prohibit particular actions (e.g. stop signs, speed bumps, etc.)
2 Hour Parking	Study where 2 hour parking is appropriate and install signage and enforce
Allow Hull Street parking at all times	Remove all "no parking" signs from Hull Street and allow parking 100% of the time. Do not restrict certain times as is currently done. This will slow and calm traffic.
Another Garage in Manchester	Do an assessment on another public parking garage in Manchester. Where should it be located? What is the cost? How will it be paid for and sources of funds
Stop Signs	Stop signs were accessed 15 years ago. Perform a new assessment and determine where 2 and 4 way stop signs would be appropriate.
Pay Stations	Perform analysis of the use of pay stations for street parking, utilizing the least costly approach (e.g. QR codes, apple pay, etc. which is currently used in the VCU area and downtown). There is funding in the budget to study and create a plan for Manchester
Enforcement	Implement enforcement of parking (exceeding hourly limits, illegal parking in ADA spaces, ADA ramps, fire hydrants)
Pedestrian Cross Walks	Determine where crosswalks are needed and implement. Determine where flashing lights equipment can be installed when pedestrians approach the intersection (Forest Hill near the park has one of these devices).
Corner Restrictions	Determine which corners need restrictions for parking and currently are dangerous to drivers and pedestrians as parked vehicles are blocking the view for safe entrance into the road
Satellite Parking for Construction	Create places outside of Manchester (less dense) where construction workers can park their vehicles and be shuttled into work zones.
More Stop Lights	A stop light is schedule for 5th and Hull in 2025. Determine where other stop lights can be installed to calm and slow traffic.
Permit Districts	Study to determine if permit districts are wanted, needed and workable. Create guidelines, days, hours, number of cars per household. Requires City Council approval. Permit costs are \$25 per vehicle and \$35 per visitor permit.
Map out Manchester	Map out Manchester and determine which area "permit parking" would be appropriate and the various parking time restrictions for business/retail areas. Manchester requires a hybrid solution for parking



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Your Name	What do you see as issue to be addressed with respect to parking in Manchester?	List any potential solutions to parking issues that you can think of.
Glenda Kotchish	Time limits on parking and blocking of views because there are no curb and crossings paint	Tickets and study parking
Brent L. Graves	In Manchester there are several narrow streets as well as poorly built streets, marginal sidewalks and poor road infrastructure in some areas.	Improvements should be made to the existing ill-conceived infrastructure that was put into place 50 to 100 years or more ago.
Sam McDonald	crowded streets, cars blocking ADA ramps and corner visibility, illegal parking, storing vehicles on streets	better parking enforcement and group ideas
Joe Yates	Developers need to require tenants to pay for parking and park under their buildings.	Limit the time an individual is allowed to park on the street.
Darl ("Deuce") Jewell	Insufficient street parking for high density apartment residents and their guests. Concerns about public safety access because of illegal parking (e.g., parking in front of fire hydrants).	Enforce legal parking ASAP. Conduct a traffic study to assess volumes.
Samantha Lewis	There is an abundance of parking in Manchester, but a lot of it is reserved for apartment buildings or private businesses. Cars are parked too close to intersections, stop signs, and alleyways.	Initiating conversations with private apartment owners/business owners about sharing parking -ex: neighborhood people could pay for a spot in an apartment lot but may not live in the building; allow patrons of restaurants/breweries to park in empty business lots after a certain time. Construct bump outs/bulb outs to prevent parking too close to intersections and alleys. Signs alone do not work if there is no enforcement or infrastructure that will stop people from parking there. Signs are routinely ignored in the Fan, especially and other neighborhoods- be sure to ask for



Elvin Schrock	Blind corners, and illegal parking on corners, too many accidents because of it	funding to construct bump outs in high traffic intersections first. Need more no parking signs and stop signs
Kirk Johnson	Basic parking enforcement; construction employees parking; availability for local businesses;	These will vary depending on the issue being solved. More enforcement would be good; perhaps a 2 or 3 hour time limit on certain streets with exemptions for local residents. Zoned parking areas
Elizabeth Upadhyaya	Lack of enforcement	
Jesse White	TBD	TBD