

NOTES SMILE TRANSP. COMMITTEE, WED. 3/17/2021 (no transportation committee meeting was held in February)

6pm –

Attending: Zack Duffly (chair); Andrew H.; Elaine O.; Ginny Y.; David S.; Scott K.; Bob B.; Nataliya N. and husband (from St. John's Baptist Church); Spence W.

Zack polls group re choice of safety yard signs in order to order 50 from PBOT for placement on busy pedestrian corridors in Sellwood/Westmoreland. Signs are Spanish and English (double-sided, English on one side, Spanish on the other)

Scott has greenway signs to store; offer to businesses?; store in SMILE basement;

Ginny and Pres of church, Nataliya, need help. Very stressed, and very excited. Thank you, Elaine for the helpful email. Hoping for help or guidance for what St. John Baptist church should do for parking. Currently, street parking only. Thinking zoned parking sometimes. Have services throughout week and weekend.

On SE Nehalem, 75-units with zero parking (street only). Church is on 16th. Rectory is on Nehalem. Church property is on corner. Development is 3 houses down and across street. Would be ideal to have zoned parking in highlighted areas (on Ginny's map of area).

Between 25-30 cars for typical service. Big services (e.g., Easter and Christmas), can easily double that. So we need to think of future. Portland has reputation of don't fix it if it's not a problem. But we're trying to be pro-active. Everything is being slow with permits, DMV.

Reasons that the church is important to Sellwood. Weekly pierogi sales, including food and/or info resources to hungry and houseless. Brings different culture into Sellwood, namely Ukrainian culture. Annual festival brings people outside of Sellwood to Sellwood. Patronize local businesses following services.

Help for zoned parking, at least for church. We don't have a parking lot.

Elaine: What do you mean when you're referring to zoned parking?

G: In front of church and on side, for church attendees for window of time, daily 9-2 and 6-9 PM.

Scott: How do you differentiate between type of people who park there unless they have a permit?

Elaine: Can probably petition for time limitations, but not type of driver. And even if could limit people who park, there is no enforcement so that will be a problem.

Scott: Still, signage with time restrictions could have some positive deterrent effect.

Elaine: There's two tracks to think. Regulatory, with city. And community outreach to neighbor landlords.

Scott proposes possible carpooling.

Nataliya: This has been problem for years, people parking in front. Need loading zone. For food production and supplies. Carpooling doesn't work for big families. Parishioners come from several surrounding cities.

Andrew: thinks there are churches downtown that have church parking only, so not sure if City may have some permit for church parking and whether frequency would be a factor. There's a procedure for applying for a loading zone. You could also get handicapped parking near the church, would benefit parishioners who are disabled.

David: Also notes handicapped parking and loading zone possibilities.

Scott offers to give Ginny contact at PBOT for parking (John Buechler | Parking Control

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Elaine: Do we want to invite PBOT to come speak to us about this as a sort of case study discussion? Eg, what we can and can't represent to neighbors/residents about parking? Maybe we invite PBOT to a meeting to workshop the church's needs and issues. Are there other parking lots that could make themselves available on certain days and hours?

Ginny thinks only places close enough would be Miller Paint. Talked to neighbors and two were amenable, but one had an issue (even though it wouldn't affect her). Maybe can

David points out that other nearby church (Coptic church at 15th & Tacoma) could be ally in notifying city about need for more parking for churches.

Elaine: suggests communication to City PBOT is that we've had a church come to us with this problem, which could be representative, but is particularly affecting them.

Zack will contact John tomorrow

Ginny: Neighbor can't back out of driveway because of fencing of construction. Concerned about emergency vehicle access.

Andrew: You could call the local fire station and they may take a look.

Andrew other issue: OR St. Marine Bd. has adopted new rules, to take effect, that's going to restrict recreational use of the Willamette River, including in the segment through Sellwood-Moreland.