



Downtown Management Plan Newsletter

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

At their regular February meeting, the Steering Committee has decided to propose the Downtown Management Plan in phases and with only adoption of the first phase being sought at this time.

The first phase will be proposed to include:

- ❖ The installation of the 60 new on-street and surface parking spaces.
- ❖ The installation of parking meters in North Downtown.
- ❖ Commencement of the North End and Business Permit Parking programs
- ❖ The savings of parking revenues for garage construction.

Future phases would include:

- ❖ Formation of a downtown district that is able to manage funds, parking, maintenance, and business support services per the 2009 Concept Downtown Management Plan.
- ❖ Fund, employ, and manage a permanent Downtown Manager.
- ❖ Construction of one or more parking garages.
- ❖ Manage and perform basic and enhanced downtown maintenance.
- ❖ Provide business support services.

As proposing the first phase is a simplified approach, the scope of current efforts for public outreach are not needed at this time and will be reduced. So, the scheduled public outreach meetings are cancelled. Over the next few weeks, the Steering Committee will be developing and publishing a revised schedule of meetings.

Similarly, much of the anticipated work of developing the plan will be postponed until the applicable phase is proposed. The following notes reflect changes for the individual Focus Groups:

Capital Improvements: This group is developing and designing the new parking spaces. This work is still necessary at this time and the group will continue to meet per the current schedule.

Data: The currently needed work of this group is reduced to include only outreach mailing lists which can be done by City Staff on an "as needed" basis. Regularly scheduled meetings are cancelled.

Incorporation and Management: There is no need for this group to convene at this time as district formation is not currently proposed. All work and scheduled meetings are cancelled.

Land Development Code: While LDC and RLUTP changes may not be needed at this time, the necessary accommodations should still be provided. This group will continue to meet as needed.

Maintenance and Other Services: There is no need for this group to convene at this time as maintenance is not currently proposed. All work and scheduled meetings are cancelled.

Parking Operations: This group is developing and designing the parking management systems will continue to meet per the current schedule.

Closing note: A couple of things:

- ❖ First, on behalf of the Steering Committee and personally, many thanks to all who have worked on and dedicated their efforts toward the development of the plan. My observation has been that the process has been enlightening for all and it has been a pleasurable experience working with all of the roughly 75 people that have contributed.
- ❖ Second, our work is *not* in vain! The change of the project to a phased development and proposal in no way diminishes the work to date – it only postpones the work necessary to complete the development of the plan.
- ❖ Finally, please feel free to contact me or any Steering Committee member if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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