

On March 11, 2020, 12 people attended the PPA Community Meeting “Parking 101.”

All but one of the attendees live in Prospect Park.

Of the 12 attendees, 9 completed a feedback form with the following results.

6 respondents “want additional critical “permit” parking in some areas of Prospect Park.

2 respondents “do not want additional critical “permit” parking in some areas of Prospect Park.

1 respondent is undecided, adding: “Cost seems very costly, or could be. The hassle of getting permits if one wants to entertain.”

Of those who do want additional critical permit parking:

4 respondents identified the streets closest to University Avenue, including Arthur, Bedford and Orlin.

8 respondents who indicated that they either want or do not want critical “permit” parking indicated that parking on these streets is a problem.

One respondent who does not want critical “permit” parking states: “I dislike the idea of subsidizing public property for private use. We will never change transportation in the city without charging the true cost of driving.”

In response to the question, “What hours, days or parking restrictions would you most support?”:

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays

24/7 (2 respondents) or 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. permit only

9 a.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays

I am not interested in 2 hour parking; too hard to enforce

8 a.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. weekends

8 a.m. – 9 p.m. weekdays “I can live with 7 Gopher football games”

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. weekdays

Daytimes on weekdays

Additional comments:

“It is a huge problem for residents. Too many non-residents using the Ave.”

“Select streets in P.P. have evolved into convenient parking space for non-resident drivers who can afford cars nicer than our own, but apparently cannot see their way to pay for parking downtown or at the U.”

“On Arthur Ave SE the parking has been difficult for residents due to students and lite rail riders parking daily. In addition, parking is terrible on TCF game day and Surley events. As more housing is built in the neighborhood the congestion as increased dramatically.”

“Streets closest to University Ave. Parking has always been a problem on Bedford i.e. public transportation, users, retail/restaurant businesses, multiple unit housing with no or limited off-street parking, guests, visiting all residents. New dev. Will bring more parkers. Vermillion dev.

Residents and guests will likely put pressure on st. parking, particularly if they charge additional rent for on-site parking and/or residents double up on spaces. Commuter parking and short-term parkers also bring a disproportionate amount of trash/litter that gets dumped on our streets and boulevards.”

“This [weekday parking] would address both the people who park to use the light rail for work/school AND the people who live in apt. bldgs. on University Ave and don’t pay for parking spaces (and if they all wanted to, there wouldn’t be enough spaces for them as the buildings are built).

All 9 respondents stated that this PPA community meeting was useful.