

Fountain District Parking Survey



What is the Fountain District Parking Survey?

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Questions or Comments?

If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact Noe Penney (City of Bellingham Planning and Community Development Intern) at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.

If you have questions or comments about the Fountain District Urban Village Master Planning process, please contact Project Manager Katie Franks (City Planning and Community Development Specialist) at kfranks@cob.org or 778-8388.



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- 1.) What type of business do you own? (i.e. retail, restaurant, service, other)
- 2.) What are your typical operating hours? (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm)
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- 6.) If there is not sufficient parking, then during what times of day/days of the week is there a parking deficiency? How much more parking do you think you would need to curb this deficiency?
- 7.) What times of day/days of week seem to be the least busy?
- 8.) Which areas of parking are full at these times?
- 9.) Which area of parking are empty at these times?
- 10.) Do people parking near your business seem to park there for a long duration or a short one?
- 11.) Do most of those parking very close to your business go to your business?
- 12.) What ideas do you have to lessen any parking issues which may occur in your area?

Questions regarding your parking/your employees parking

- 13.) Where, if anywhere, do you typically park? If you park in the area, what is your license plate number?
- 14.) Where do your employees typically park? If they park in the area, what do their cars look like/what is their license plate number?

Fountain District Urban Village Parking Meeting

Interviewee: Dennis and Rosie Raymond of Speak-Ezs, on Thursday, July 2, 2009

Note: Information below in quotation marks was written in by Rosie on the questionnaire. All other information is comprised of interview notes.

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- 1.) What type of business do you own? (i.e. retail, restaurant, service, other)**
"Restaurant"
- 2.) What are your typical operating hours? (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm)**
"Mon - Sat: 11:30am - 9pm"
- 3.) Please take a look at the attached map and be prepared to let us know where you, your employees, and your customers generally park.**
 - "On Monroe, Broadway, Meridian St., and church parking lot"
 - Employees/customers sometimes park along the Fountain Drug Store, which is ok for now but may become a problem later on, when that area is redeveloped
 - see map
- 4.) What do you think your parking issue(s) is?**
 - "That parking will be taken away"
 - Very concerned that parking on Broadway should not have been used for bikes, notes that few bikers use Broadway
- 5.) Is there sufficient parking (i.e. on-street parking, off-street parking, private lot parking) nearby?**
"No", see below
- 6.) If there is not sufficient parking, then during what times of day/days of the week is there a parking deficiency? How much more parking do you think you would need to curb this deficiency?**
 - "During peak business hours, lunch and dinner" Also, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights
- 7.) What times of day/days of week seem to be the least busy?**
"Early to mid-morning, then mid-afternoon"
- 8.) Which areas of parking are full at these times?**
"on Monroe"
- 9.) Which area of parking are empty at these times?**
"None"
- 10.) Do people parking near your business seem to park there for a long duration or a short one?**
"Both"
- 11.) Do most of those parking very close to your business go to your business?**
"No"
 - Fountain Rental customers sometimes park on Monroe St. for several days at a time, while renting trucks. Fountain Rental discourages this, but they can't force their customers to park in a certain place.
- 12.) What ideas do you have to lessen any parking issues which may occur in your area?**
 - Would like to see striping on Meridian St., to indicate parking spots
 - Thinks that the best use of the Fountain Triangle Park may be as a parking lot, to reduce parking pressures
 - Thinks that metered parking would discourage long-term parkers and encourage greater parking turn-over.
 - Feels that Broadway is not being utilized to its full extent and would like to see more parking there, as the bike lanes currently aren't used a great deal.

Questions regarding your parking/your employees parking

13.) Where, if anywhere, do you typically park? If you park in the area, what is your license plate number?

- "On Monroe, we are in and out of the business"

- Vehicles: a gold truck and a gold car, most often parked directly in front of Speak Ez's, on Monroe side

14.) Where do your employees typically park? If they park in the area, what do their cars look like/what is their license plate number?

- "Further away, to leave parking space for customers"

- It is difficult for employees to take the bus because they live relatively far away, and the business closes late. One employee does take the bus, though. Two employees often carpool.

- There are nine employees, plus Dennis and Rose. At most there are 3-6 people working at a time, with a maximum of seven employee vehicles, including those of Dennis and Rosie.

Other information

- Patrons arrive from "all over" including Lynden, Everson, Mt. Vernon, Tacoma, Seattle, etc.

- There is no handicap spot – it is all public parking.

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- 1.) What type of business do you own? (i.e. retail, restaurant, service, other)
RESTAURANT
- 2.) What are your typical operating hours? (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm)
MON - SAT 11:30 - 9
- 3.) Please take a look at the attached map and be prepared to let us know where you, your employees, and your customers generally park. ON MONROE, BROADWAY + ~~STATED~~ MERIDIAN ST, CHALET PARKING LOT
- 4.) What do you think your parking issue(s) is?
THAT PARKING WILL BE TAKEN AWAY
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NO
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DURING PEAK BUSINESS HOURS, LUNCH & DINNER
- 7.) What times of day/days of week seem to be the least busy?
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ON MONROE
- 9.) Which area of parking are empty at these times?
NONE
- 10.) Do people parking near your business seem to park there for a long duration or a short one?
BOTH
- 11.) Do most of those parking very close to your business go to your business?
NO
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ON MONROE, WE ARE IN & OUT OF THE BUSINESS
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FURTHER AWAY TO LEAVE PARKING SPACE FOR CUSTOMERS

Fountain District Urban Village Parking Meeting

Interviewee: Robyn du Pre of Resources, on Thursday, July 2, 2009

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1.) What type of business do you own? (i.e. retail, restaurant, service, other)

Retail/Educational

2.) What are your typical operating hours? (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm)

9am-6pm, Monday- Saturday (Sustainable Living Center hours sometimes run later for workshops)

3.) Please take a look at the attached map and be prepared to let us know where you, your employees, and your customers generally park.

- see map

4.) What do you think your parking issue(s) is?

- Issues:

- The site has a parking variance, allowing fewer parking spaces than would typically be allowed
- The business is growing
- Neighbor Cliff (on Kulshan St.) has told ReStore that their parking is impeding upon his ability to park in front of his house.

Kulshan street has poor drainage and tends to flood in the middle of the street. Also, areas become muddy – both issues are exacerbated by increased numbers of parked vehicles.

- Other building (West of the ReStore, owned by Ken Bell, with doctor's offices) might have parking issues too
- No bike racks in Fountain District and can't put any in unless building owners (managers?) want to do so
- With the covenant on the site, current trees must be maintained in the landscape
- Used to have overflow parking at KFC, but no longer
- 10-15 more spots would be needed, but there is no money to pay for them

5.) Is there sufficient parking (i.e. on-street parking, off-street parking, private lot parking) nearby?

No, see below

6.) If there is not sufficient parking, then during what times of day/days of the week is there a parking deficiency? How much more parking do you think you would need to curb this deficiency?

- Saturday is very busy, as are weekends in general – this is really a problem with people in front of Kulshan St.
- The area is also very busy when events upstairs coincide with business hours

7.) What times of day/days of week seem to be the least busy?

Weekday afternoons are not as busy

8.) Which areas of parking are full at these times?

All areas are full when it is busy

9.) Which area of parking are empty at these times?

It depends, people do want to park in the shade, especially in the summer

10.) Do people parking near your business seem to park there for a long duration or a short one?

- It varies, depending on the customer

11.) Do most of those parking very close to your business go to your business?

yes

12.) What ideas do you have to lessen any parking issues which may occur in your area?

Work done/attempted already:

- ReStore tried to put up a sign stating that the parking was for "residents only" but this is not allowed because the street is a public one.
- Neighbors on Kulshan, across from ReStore, put gravel in next to the street themselves.
- ReStore re-stripped the parking lot in 2008 in order to provide more space

Other Ideas:

- Neighbor Cliff has told ReStore that their parking is impeding upon his ability to park in front of his house. He would like to see resident-only parking in front of his house and those of neighbors, with a "left-turn" only sign at entrance to Kulshan Street from ReStore parking lot.
- Have Cliff call Opal about neighborhood/residential parking district
- Investing in better bumpers for cars in the current parking lot, in order to define boundaries
- Currently, the ReStore is exploring parking offsite and would then have signs directing people to overflow parking.
- Restore wouldn't have a problem with parallel parking on Kulshan Street, however, it wants to meet with neighbors first.
- ReStore wants to put a sign on its property (near Kulshan Street), stating parking options
- ReStore plans to bring in the "de-pavement" people from Portland – City Repair.
- Stripping Meridian would help to delineate space
- Is in favor of sharrows, though notes this might be difficult for beginning bicyclists

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Robyn typically bikes

14.) Where do your employees typically park? If they park in the area, what do their cars look like/what is their license plate number?

- Staff not allowed to park in retail or on residential side streets, covered bike parking is provided on-site by both ReStore/ReSources and by the COB. Staff *do* park on Broadway.
- 85% of staff arrive at work by means other than single occupancy vehicles

Other information

- Repeat customers can be divided into two groups: homeowner-builders who go to the ReStore every few weeks for a year or more and professional contractors who come in all the time
- Part of the deal with the neighborhood was to keep the visual impact of the ReStore (i.e., building materials) on the inside of the buildings – no complaints there, so far

Questions that Robyn had:

- Can one landscape the area of gravel on the side of the building without a permit? (ask James Lucks, Steve Nordin)
- Also could talk to Bill Dorn, a streets specialist in the City.
- wonders if apron of driveway is theirs to maintain, or if it they are not allowed to touch it?
- has been having a difficult time getting permit for work on Broadway side of ReStore

Fountain District Urban Village Master Plan

Parking Questionnaire

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- 1.) **Your Name:** Troy Olney

- 2.) **Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address:**
Unity HR Tax Consultants, service, 2400 Meridian St. Suite B

- 3.) **Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm):**
Monday- Friday, 8am-5pm

- 4.) **Number of employees:** 9 **Full-time:** **Part-time:**

- 5.) **Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?)**
 - There is currently sufficient parking for the business, though it does get busier around 11:30am-1pm with the lunch rush at Speak-Ezs (business next door). After 5pm, the lot is also full with Speak-Ezs customers. However, this does not impact Unity HR as the two businesses "work well together".
 - On Sundays, all spaces are taken for the church – but this is not usually an issue except on some days close to April 16th. Even on those days, Rick (the pastor) and Troy work out any parking issues without a problem.
 - Tenants above Troy's office sometimes park a car outside, but the people currently living there typically ride their bikes.
 - Parking space on Monroe, near the Fountain Park, is used by ReStore/ReSources customers. This was identified as a problem by Troy.
 - Another issue is that the parking lot is in poor condition (pavement is cracking).
 - There was a great deal of concern expressed about the loss of any parking, which Troy felt would be very detrimental to his business.

- 6.) **How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)?**
 - Nine parking spaces are needed.
 - Employees usually park on the street or in the lot next to Unity HR (across the alley from that building), though sometimes they will park in the church parking lot.

- 7.) **How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park?**
 - 3-4 spaces are usually needed for customers.
 - Customers typically park directly in front of the Unity HR building. There are two types of customers. Many are there to pick up payroll checks and only park for ten minutes or less. These people often arrive in the early morning, around 8-9am.

Other customers are there for consulting and tend to stay 2-3 hours. These consultations usually occur from February to April 16th (pre-tax extension filing date) and in the fall (corporate taxes and personal tax extensions).

8.) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? For customers?

Parking is currently sufficient.

9.) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area:

- Troy did not think that the Fountain Park should be an "active park" with Frisbees, etc.
- Thought that aesthetics could be improved. For instance, the park could have less shrubbery and a shallower fountain (which would reduce fountain bathing incidents).
- Was concerned about how people, especially young children, are getting to the park, due to the busy streets nearby.
- Suggested putting blinking lots on the crosswalk along Meridian as people do not currently stop there.
- One park concept discussed was intensive landscaping, such as is done on the Lettered Streets. Troy wondered how maintenance would work with this, though.
- Thought that parking could be utilized better if Rosie/Dennis had a walk-up window with a to-go menu, etc.
- Offered to give Rosie and Dennis his planter boxes.

Thank you for your time. If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact Noe Penney, Planning and Community Development Intern at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.

Re: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire
cedar_tree
to:
NxPenney
07/21/2009 10:36 AM
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History: This message has been forwarded.

Dear City Staff,

I'm so glad you are addressing parking in this area!

Here is my two cent's worth attached.

Sincerely,

Kim Feerer

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Kim Feerer, Director
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----- Original message from NxPenney@cob.org: -----

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- > Noe Penney
- > Planning and Community Development Intern
- > City of Bellingham
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- > (See attached file: Fountain District Parking
- > Questionnaire.doc)

Fountain District Urban Village Master Plan

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- 1.) Your Name:
Kim Feerer, Director, Cedar Tree Montessori School

- 2.) Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address:
*Cedar Tree Montessori
2114 Broadway Ave.
Bellingham, WA 98225*

- 3.) Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm):
*8:30-3:30 Monday through Friday during the school year
Some after school activities, some summer camps, almost no weekend use. Parking available to Fountain Community Church on weekends.*

- 4.) Number of employees: 5 Full-time: 5 Part-time:

- 5.) Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?)
Parking would be an issue if we didn't have a reciprocal agreement with Fountain Community Church. If that ever ends, then we wouldn't have sufficient parking because we'd have to give up half of our playground space to parking.

- 6.) How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)?
Employees park on school property or on Irving, near Ellis. Parents park at Fountain Community Church for drop off and pick up.

- 7.) How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park?
Employees: 5 daily. Staggered pickup, LOTS of bike commuters, walkers, carpools and siblings mean we have lower parking needs than expected for 44 students. Would guess we see MAXIMUM of 15 cars at any one time in the Fountain lot and on the side streets.

- 8.) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? For customers?
Again, as long as Fountain Church is willing, none. But in the event our agreement changes, we would need 15 spots. We can accommodate 8 by taking a chunk out of our playground area.

9.) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area:

1. *Pave the community garden to put in parking for synagogue.*
2. *Give synagogue, Fountain Church, and Cedar Tree an incentive to share parking with each other.*

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From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: cedar_tree@att.net
Cc: Kathryn E Franks/ncd/cob@cob

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2009 02:14PM
Subject: Re: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Dear Kim,

Thanks for your ideas. I am ccing this response (as I've been doing with all messages) to the Fountain District Master Planning Project Manager Katie Franks, so that she can see it as well. Please let me know if you have any further comments.

Thank you,
 Noe

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07/29/2009 11:53 AM

SubjectRe: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Dear Noe,

At a recent staff meeting, we were thinking about uses for the synagogue property at the corner of Broadway and Irving. They are building a new facility off Yew Street and will sell their original site when the new building is ready.

From the synagogue folks, I hear the old building is in need of extensive repairs, perhaps to the extent that whomever buys it will have to raze the 100+ building to build again. I like the historic aspects of the building, and am worried we might get a multiplex apartment next door.

We saw this parcel as an opportunity for the city of Bellingham to perhaps purchase the parcel for these combined uses:

1. Official community garden (as it unofficially is now).
2. Parking for Lettered Streets if this is still an issue with residents.

3. Covered playground - we have no covered play areas in local parks in Bellingham. We have shelters with tables that preclude children playing. With all the rain we get, it would be nice to have a covered play area for families to escape to, instead of MacDonald's PlayPlace.

Hope this is helpful.---Kim

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> Dear City Staff,
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> Here's an afterthought....
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> We've been applying for grants, but have been unsuccessful, to put
> in a permanent bicycle rack at the school. We would be very happy
> to share it with the synagogue and Fountain Community Church. If we
> could get some help with that, it would encourage more people to use
> their bikes.---Kim
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From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: "Ann Medina" <ann@oltmaninsurance.com>
Cc: Kathryn E Franks/ncd/cob@cob

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 05:59PM
Subject: Re: Oltman_I_072109112217.tif;

Dear Ann,

Thanks so much for responding to the parking questionnaire! We'll take your input into account as we conduct the survey. If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you,

Noe Penney
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- 2.) Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address:
Oltman Insurance/ Service

- 3.) Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm):
8-5 Monday through Friday Closed Sat & Sun

- 4.) Number of employees: 10_____Full-time: _1___Part-time:

- 5.) Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?) Adequate at this time however Will be problem if some of the current parking is eliminated

- 6.) How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)?
11 there are 7 spots available in the rear of our building which we use. There is one handicap space that is never used. Would like that removed if possible. 2 employees park on Monroe street balance in Cascade Pizza lot

- 7.) How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park? 2-5 customers use on street parking in front of office or use the cascade pizza parking lot and walk.

- 8.) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? For customers? 2 employee's would prefer to not have to park on the street if possible.

- 9.) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area:
We feel parking to be adequate at this time however could be a problem if spaces are taken away. We would prefer not to loose our on street parking for our customers.

From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: "Jennifer Roberts" <jennifer.roberts@lpl.com>
Cc: KFranks@cob.org, "Mary Erickson" <mary.erickson@lpl.com>

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 06:03PM
Subject: Re: FW: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Dear Jennifer,

Thanks so much for responding to the parking questionnaire! We'll take your input into account as we conduct the survey. If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham
nxpenney@cob.org
(360) 778-8362

✉ "Jennifer Roberts" <jennifer.roberts@lpl.com>

"Jennifer Roberts"
<jennifer.roberts@lpl.com>

07/21/2009 02:11 PM

To<NxPenney@cob.org>
cc<KFranks@cob.org>, "Mary Erickson"
<mary.erickson@lpl.com>
SubjectFW: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Thank you for your inquiry. I've completed your questionnaire and forwarded it back to you.

Cordially,

Jenny Roberts

-----Original Message-----

From: NxPenney@cob.org [mailto:NxPenney@cob.org]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 4:23 PM
To: NxPenney@cob.org
Cc: KFranks@cob.org
Subject: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

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Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern City of Bellingham

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Attachments:

Fountain District Parking Questionnaire.doc

Fountain District Urban Village Master Plan

Parking Questionnaire

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- 1.) Your Name:
Jenny Roberts
- 2.) Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address:
Jenny Roberts, Financial Consultant, 2203 Elm Street, Bellingham, WA
- 3.) Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm):
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. M- T; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday
- 4.) Number of employees: 2 Full-time: Part-time:
Myself as owner and one full time employee
- 5.) Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?) We have an occasional problem when people use our lot for reasons other than business. We have one covered parking area which is nice, but the parking spaces are so tightly packed together that only one car can fit where two are supposed to fit. And persons unfamiliar with the parking don't often pull up far enough into the spaces. Many cars get dinged in the covered parking lot. It's poorly designed and difficult to navigate.
- 6.) How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)?
Fortunately for me, I only need one and sometimes two spaces available. I car pool to work as often as possible. We try to park in the covered parking area attached to the building because it is a difficult space, and clients couldn't possibly figure it out.
- 7.) How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park? I need one space for customers at any given time. I see clients by appointment only. They park in the alley behind the building if space is available. Overflow parking is available on Broadway.
- 8.) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? I don't really need any additional parking. This parking area wouldn't handle high-volume business tenants though.
- 9.) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area: Thank you for your inquiry.

Thank you for your time. If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact Noe Penney, Planning and Community Development Intern at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.

From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: "11SM" <meridianSM@haggen.com>
Cc: Kathryn E Franks/ncd/cob@cob

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 03:39PM
Subject: RE: FW: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Hi Tyler,

Thanks for clarifying the location of the employee parking. Please give me a call or email me if you have any other comments.

Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham
nxpenney@cob.org
(360) 778-8362

"11SM" <meridianSM@haggen.com>

"11SM"
<meridianSM@haggen.com>

07/22/2009 07:54 AM

To <NxPenney@cob.org>
cc
Subject RE: FW: Fountain District
Parking Questionnaire

Noe,

Yes, the yellow lines do denote employee parking. We also allow them to park in any of the spaces on the very outside perimeter of the lot.

Thank you,

Tyler Cook
Store Manager
Meridian Haggen #11
(360) 671-3300

From: NxPenney@cob.org [<mailto:NxPenney@cob.org>]
Sent: Tue 7/21/2009 6:12 PM
To: 11SM
Cc: KFranks@cob.org
Subject: Re: FW: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Dear Tyler,

Thanks so much for responding to the parking questionnaire! We'll take

your input into account as we conduct the survey.

We were looking at parking today and were curious whether the yellow lines on the perimeter of the Haggen lot (near the corner of W.Maryland and Meridian St.) denoted the employee parking you mentioned in the questionnaire. If you could let me know when you have the chance it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham
nxpenney@cob.org
(360) 778-8362

"11SM"
<meridianSM@haggen.com>

07/21/2009 02:42 PM

<NxPenney@cob.org>

To

cc

Subject

FW: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Attached is our survey.

Thank you,

Tyler Cook
Store Manager
Meridian Haggen #11
(360) 671-3300

From: Tyler and Kenzie Cook [<mailto:tandmcook@msn.com>]
Sent: Tue 7/21/2009 11:29 AM
To: 11SM
Subject: Fw: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----

From: NxPenney@cob.org

Date: Mon, 20 Jul 2009 23:22:44

To: <NxPenney@cob.org>

Cc: <KFranks@cob.org>

Subject: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

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Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham

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Fountain District Urban Village Master Plan

Parking Questionnaire

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- 1.) Your Name: Tyler Cook

- 2.) Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address: Haggen, retail:
2814 Guide Meridian

- 3.) Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm): 24 hours a day

- 4.) Number of employees: 11 Full-time: 101 Part-time:

- 5.) Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?) We do not really have any parking issues at this time.

- 6.) How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)? I would estimate we need about 25-35 spots at any one time. Employees park on the perimeter edges of the lot towards Meridian

- 7.) How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park? Front center and Garden side of the lot.

- 8.) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? For customers? N/A

- 9.) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area:

Thank you for your time. If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact Noe Penney, Planning and Community Development Intern at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.

From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: Brian Rhodes <Brian.Rhodes@wecu.com>
Cc: Kathryn E Franks/ncd/cob@cob

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2009 03:49PM
Subject: RE: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Dear Brian,

Thanks so much for responding to the parking questionnaire! We'll take your input into account as we conduct the survey. If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham
nxpenney@cob.org
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✉ Brian Rhodes <Brian.Rhodes@wecu.com>

Brian Rhodes
<Brian.Rhodes@wecu.com>

07/28/2009 03:45 PM

To "NxPenney@cob.org"
<NxPenney@cob.org>

cc

Subject RE: Fountain District Parking
Questionnaire

-----Original Message-----

From: NxPenney@cob.org [<mailto:NxPenney@cob.org>]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 4:23 PM
To: NxPenney@cob.org
Cc: KFranks@cob.org
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Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham

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Parking Questionnaire

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1.) Your Name: Brian Rhodes-

2.) Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address:
WECU-Credit Union, 2625 Meridian St

3.) Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm):
Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm

4.) Number of employees: 10 Full-time: _____Part-time:

5.) Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?)

Monday and Friday, we have issues with parking during peak hours but for the most part, we have enough parking.

6.) How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)? Employees park in our lot or next to the building on W Connecticut. 10 spaces needed.

7.) How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park? Members park in our lot as well; we have eight spaces and one handicap space.

8.) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? For customers? Half of our building is vacant. If we used this, we would need 5 to 10 more spots.

9.) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area: Only so much space for parking...

Thank you for your time. If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact Noe Penney, Planning and Community Development Intern at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.

From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: steve griffith <dancinbaer@yahoo.com>
Cc: Kathryn E Franks/ncd/cob@cob

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2009 04:55PM
Subject: Re: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Dear Steve,

Thanks so much for responding to the parking questionnaire! We'll take your input into account as we conduct the survey. If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you,

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✉ steve griffith <dancinbaer@yahoo.com>

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<dancinbaer@yahoo.com>

07/28/2009 04:24 PM

ToNxPenney@cob.org
cc
SubjectRe: Fountain District Parking
Questionnaire

Thanks,
Steve

Steve Griffith
Griffith Furniture
2501 Meridian St
Bellingham WA 98225
PHONE 360-734-3730
FAX 360-671-1491
CELL 360-303-4340

--- On **Mon, 7/20/09, NxPenney@cob.org <NxPenney@cob.org>** wrote:

From: NxPenney@cob.org <NxPenney@cob.org>
Subject: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire
To: NxPenney@cob.org
Cc: KFranks@cob.org
Date: Monday, July 20, 2009, 4:22 PM

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Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham

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- 1.) Your Name: Steve Griffith

- 2.) Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address: Griffith Furniture,
2501 Meridian

- 3.) Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm): Mon. – Fri. 9:30 – 6:00 Sat.
9:30 – 5:00

- 4.) Number of employees: 3 Full-time: 3 Part-time:

- 5.) Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?) Between on street parking, and our parking lot on Kulshan St we have sufficient parking for our current volume of business.

- 6.) How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)? 5 spaces is usually the most we need. Employees generally park in parking lot.

- 7.) How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park?
Meridian Street and Jefferson Street is where customers prefer to park.

- 8.) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? For customers?

- 9.) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area:
The survey is a good way to measure parking needs for the neighborhood..
Current parking is sufficient for us at this time, but would probably be a issue if parking was restricted or removed in our block.

Thank you for your time. If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact Noe Penney, Planning and Community Development Intern at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.

From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: Aaron Booker <aaronb@hardlines.com>
Cc: Kelly Booker <kelly@kellybooker.com>, Katie Franks <kfranks@cob.org>

Date: Friday, July 31, 2009 04:12PM
Subject: Re: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Dear Aaron,

Thanks for letting us know about your current parking situation. We'll take your input into account as we conduct the survey. If you have any other comments or questions about the survey, please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you,

Noe Penney
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 City of Bellingham
 nxpenney@cob.org
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 Aaron Booker <aaronb@hardlines.com>

Aaron Booker
 <aaronb@hardlines.com>

07/31/2009 03:05 PM

To "NxPenney@cob.org"
 <NxPenney@cob.org>
 cc Katie Franks <kfranks@cob.org>,
 Kelly Booker
 <kelly@kellybooker.com>
 Subject Re: Fountain District Parking
 Questionnaire

Our building is currently Vacant (and it's on Elm/NW) so I haven't filled out the questionnaire (n/a).

From my perspective, I'm not concerned about the parking. I find it vastly easier to park in the Fountain District than in other parts of town.

I've been out of town – sorry for the delay.

Aaron

on 7/20/09 4:22 PM, "NxPenney@cob.org" <NxPenney@cob.org> wrote:

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Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham

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Aaron Booker

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From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: Villene & Don Lansberry <vidon@aol.com>

Date: Friday, July 31, 2009 04:56PM
Subject: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire - Thanks!

Dear Villene,

Thanks so much for responding to the parking questionnaire! We'll take your input into account as we conduct the survey. If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham
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**Fountain District Urban Village Master Plan
Parking Questionnaire**

City of Bellingham
Planning

The following information will be used to inform a parking capacity and use survey that will be completed as part of the urban village master planning process. Your participation will help us identify areas where parking issues may exist.

- 1) Your Name: *Villene Lansberry*

- 2) Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address:
Fountain Laundry 2719 Meridian

- 3) Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday - Friday, 9-5pm):
8am-10pm M-SUN

- 4.) Number of employees: _____ Full-time: 3 Part-time: *(only 1 at a time)*

- 5) Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?)
Only problem is when residential neighbors use our parking - or other businesses use our parking lot

- 6) How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)?
1 - park in our lot, or occ in front of store on Meridian

- 7) How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park? *They park in our parking lot
occ in front of store on Meridian*

- 8) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? For customers? *we're fine*

- 9) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area:
over

Thank you for your time. If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact Noe Penney, Planning and Community Development Intern at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.

How to address parking issues

- 1.) DO NOT disallow parking on Meridian — and please no angle parking like in Fairhaven. That's awful! and please no bike lane on Meridian.
- 2.) Require residential units to have sufficient parking.
The unit behind our ~~new~~ business is a rental and they always have 3-4 vehicles + bicycles. There are 1-2 (depending on size of ~~vehicle~~ vehicle) and on street on Kushan. When parking in the alley they often use our parking lot for access. When they have guests, we often have problems with them parking in our spaces.
- 3.) Residential units, even in an urban village — will need parking spaces. Even if people use transportation other than cars everyday — they will own cars for longer trips etc
- 4.) Business lots are narrow & it is difficult to have a lot of parking. One thing to consider might be a lot which the city owns & provides centralized parking. Just a lot, not a big garage — that wouldn't fit in the neighborhood
- 5.) Keep parking on side streets like Kushan
- 6.) Requiring more parking for small businesses like many in the Fountain District will mean that these businesses will not be able to be there. They will be replaced by large group project — and a bunch of strip or mini-malls Ugh!

PS The entry to the alley between Meridian & Kushan at Connecticut should be cleaned up — the unit there has encroaching plants & can make visibility tough.

From: Noe X Penney/planning/cob
To: beatylaw@aol.com
Cc: Kathryn E Franks/ncd/cob@cob

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2009 03:22PM
Subject: Re: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Dear Mr. Beaty and Rachel,

Thanks so much for responding to the parking questionnaire. We'll take your input into account as we conduct the survey. If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you,

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 Planning and Community Development Intern
 City of Bellingham
 nxpenney@cob.org
 (360) 778-8362

-----beatylaw@aol.com wrote: -----

To: NxPenney@cob.org
 From: beatylaw@aol.com
 Date: 08/19/2009 01:38PM
 Subject: Re: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire

Hi, Noe Penney,
 In the attachment is Mr. Beaty's response to your Parking Questionnaire.
 Rachel
 Legal Assistant

-----Original Message-----

From: NxPenney@cob.org
 To: NxPenney@cob.org
 Cc: KFranks@cob.org
 Sent: Mon, Jul 20, 2009 4:22 pm
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Urban
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One of the items discussed was the amount of parking which exists in the area - some identified too much parking, and others said there was not enough. As part of the analysis of existing conditions, I will be conducting a parking survey to assess current capacity, areas of concern, and to generate more specific information about parking needs and issues faced by businesses owners.

As part of this survey, I would like to learn more about your current parking situation. Please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to me by Tuesday, July 28th to have your input included.

If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact me at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.

Thank you,

Noe Penney
Planning and Community Development Intern
City of Bellingham

(See attached file: Fountain District Parking Questionnaire.doc)

Attachments:

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Fountain District Urban Village Master Plan

Parking Questionnaire

The following information will be used to inform a parking capacity and use survey that will be completed as part of the urban village master planning process. Your participation will help us identify areas where parking issues may exist.

1.) Your Name: Bob Beaty

2.) Business name, type (retail, restaurant, service, etc) and address:

Law Office

3.) Regular operating hours (i.e. Monday – Friday, 9-5pm):

M-F 9-5

4.) Number of employees: 1 Full-time: Part-time:

5.) Describe any issues you have with parking as related to your business (is there sufficient parking for you, your employees and customers? If not, are there times of day or days of the week when parking is a problem?)

We have private or cite parking. Otherwise parking is an issue.

6.) How many parking spaces are needed for you and your employees? Where do your employees usually park (i.e. on or near a particular street)?

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7.) How many parking spaces are needed for your customers? Where do your customers typically park?

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8.) If parking is insufficient, how many more spaces would you need for employees? For customers?

N/A

9.) Additional comments or ideas on how to address parking issues in the area:

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Thank you for your time. If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss your parking issues in greater detail, please contact Noe Penney, Planning and Community Development Intern at nxpenney@cob.org or 778-8362.