

PROPOSED AD HOC COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Name:

Downtown Parking Committee

Purpose:

Identify issues and solutions to the parking problems in the downtown core.

Scope:

- Meet with concerned business owners, Langley Chamber, Langley's Chief of Police and citizens to identify the issues
- Review current code on parking
- Investigate what other cities similar size do in regard to parking
- Create a list of options that could be put in place to improve the parking situation
- Propose options to the Council for approval and vote

Time Span:

- 6 weeks

Description of Problem Being Addressed:

Langley merchants have expressed the concern that employees, business owners, volunteers and board members take up so much parking in the downtown core that the customers cannot find suitable parking. This practice is cutting into profits for businesses and discouraging patrons from coming to Langley. These are the concerns that have been expressed so far.

The merchants would like to change the culture of parking for businesses so that employees would park farther away and more parking places would open up on a regular basis near the doors of businesses.

One problem is on 2nd Street during the morning hours primarily when the large trucks deliver to the Star Store. Because of the big trucks, parking is limited. This plays into the other problem, employees parking on the street for 8 hours or more and never moving all day. This sets up a negative dynamic between business owners who want more access to the parking and employees of other businesses who want to be close to their vehicles.

Chair:

Council Member Rene Neff