Downtown Crystal Lake Parking Committee

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A positive and productive discussion on current parking trends and concerns.

The first Downtown Crystal Lake Parking Committee was held last week to discuss the current parking trends, recent concerns and brainstorm solutions. The Committee consists of restaurant and retail business owners, a representative of the Downtown Association and city staff. The Committee will continue to meet to review and address any parking related concerns of the business or property owners in Downtown.

Meeting Outcomes:

- One of the major observations was that employees and residents of the second-story apartments are parking on Williams Street and in the 4-hour parking lots, which is taking away from the available customer parking.
  a) To address this parking issue, the City will send a letter to business owners and residents of Downtown to educate them on the Z-Lot passes and how to obtain them if they do not have private parking lots.
  b) In addition, to understand how many businesses and associated employees are downtown, the City will work with the Downtown Association to conduct a short survey of the number of businesses/employees and if they have private parking spaces available. This information will help ensure there are adequate Z-Lot parking spaces being provided.

  To ultimately solve this problem, the Police Department will enforce the parking time limits by first issuing warning tickets and then citations to the violators to free up these prime parking spaces intended for customers and visitors to our Downtown.
- A parking survey conducted by City staff is underway of the downtown parking spaces over the next few weeks. The survey will look at the number of occupied parking spaces and the duration of parking by the vehicles on weekdays and Saturdays to possibly improve the turnover efficiency of these spaces.
- Another item that will be addressed is the visibility of the public parking wayfinding signage. Currently, the signs are decorative and may be overlooked by drivers. New public parking wayfinding signs will be installed to increase visibility.
- To increase parking, angled parking spaces could be added to Grant Street where parallel spaces are located now. This would increase the quantity of parking spaces on a street that is a short walking distance to the core of downtown and this can be implemented at little cost this fall to provide an immediate impact.

Downtown Crystal Lake businesses are welcome to share any other parking related concerns with the City by emailing planning@crystallake.org. The concerns will be reviewed at the next Parking Committee meeting. Thank you!

Downtown Crystal Lake Parking Map

Looking for parking spaces when Williams Street is full? – Parking is available around the corner!



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