Current Study Efforts

Please participate in the Olde Town Parking Study Survey. Your opinion will make a difference in the Olde Town parking plan being produced by the City. The survey will run for a two week period from January 26 through February 9, 2009. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete http://www.arvadaparkingsurvey.com/.

Work on the project began in early December. A Stakeholder Committee was formed which is designed to get input from key representatives of the business community, surrounding neighborhoods and other institutions that could be impacted by an increase in parking demand. The members of the Stakeholder Committee are:

- Genevieve Hutchison, RTD
- Maro Dimmer, Rheinlander's Bakery
- Trisha Redding, Sister's Chocolate
- Jay Sonef, owner of properties along Olde Wadsworth
- Barney Brewer, retired businessperson, lives on Grandview Avenue west of Olde Town, very involved with HOTA
- Karen Miller, owner of Paws n' Play, a pet supply store located on Grandview Avenue
- Carolyn Thomas, lives on Yarrow Street just west of Olde Town
- Jane Schnabel, current President of HOTA, resident of Stocke-Walter neighborhood
- Steve Byers, The Rising (formerly Arvada Central Baptist)
- Walt Wostenberg, Saint Anne's Church
- Jim Nealon, Elk's Lodge
- Tim Steinhaus, Executive Director of AURA
- Ginger Charles, resident of Water Tower Village and President of the homeowner's association.

Through a competitive process, the City hired a consulting team to assist city staff in conducting the project. The consulting team consists of Carl Walker Inc., a firm specializing in parking and Urban Trans, a firm specializing in transportation demand management. The team has a great deal of experience in working with communities such as Arvada.

Representatives of Carl Walker Inc. were in town the week of December 8th to assemble data necessary for the project. An inventory of parking was taken and occupancy and turnover studies were performed. Some people may have noticed people with clipboards walking around and writing down license numbers. If you observed such a thing, it was probably one of the parking consultants doing their work. Please note that only the last three digits of license numbers were recorded and the purpose of this exercise is to determine the turnover rate of on-street parking. License numbers will not be used for any other purpose or published in any report.

On December 11th, public participation for the project began with a Stakeholder Committee Meeting and Public Meeting. The purpose of these initial meetings was to introduce the project and gather input and what people see as the issues and opportunities associated with parking and using alternative transportation to reduce parking demands. Please see the sections of the website which contains presentation materials and questions regarding issues. Even though you may have not been able to attend the Public Meeting in person, you can give your input by filling out our survey. The website also contains information regarding how to be involved in the future.

The information collected during the December 2008 meetings was summarized and presented at stakeholder and public meetings on January 21, 2009. The next step in the project is to draft alternative strategies to address current and future issues.

Additional public input will be sought sometime around March or April and a final report is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2009.

If you have any questions about the project, contact Kevin Nichols, Senior Planner, City of Arvada at knichols@arvada.org or 720-898-7464.