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Mission Peak Permit Parking Changes

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Hi Geneva, Mike and Fred, we were forwarded this communication by Kelly Abreu from Mission Peak Conservancy, who may have his own personal issues with the city. So ignore that and please focus on the discussion below:

Before I start I would like to thank Lt. Mike Tegner for his great work and responsiveness in making the Permit Parking website operational, and Geneva for her community outreach. Clarifying the final fee elements of the program in the mailing from the Police Department regarding obtaining the permits would have prevented a lot of heartburn and unnecessary noise.

While the permit parking program should address its primary objective which is to relieve congestion, a few tweaks will be really helpful in reducing unnecessary burden on Vineyard Hill residents. There are a couple of approaches that could be considered and maybe the Vineyard Hills HOA could propose others after they meet on this topic. I understand that laws have been passed, but it may be easier to position these changes as being responsive to community feedback, and fiscal prudence. You can recommend what approach works for the City/Police department that meets the primary program goals which I assume is to reduce congestion around the park, instead of making these changes a time intensive petition process.

a) In reality the parking problem for Vineyard Hills exists during the hours of 6am - 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays and public holidays. Therefore one option is to enforce parking restrictions in Vineyard Hills as a whole during these hours only. Most of our friends and relatives visit us during the evenings over the weekend, when there is no real Mission Peak related parking issue. This approach may be cost effective as it reduces patrolling hours significantly (cuts it down from 48 hrs to 14 hrs) for Vineyard Hills, which is the largest area.

b) If the first approach is not feasible then could we exclude all the courts on Lynx Drive, and maybe a section of Lynx drive for this 48 hour period? The Vineyard Hills HOA will need to propose this after they meet. The walking distance from the center of Lynx Drive to the park entrance is a significant fraction of the distance from the bottom of Mission Peak to the top. This may or may not reduce patrolling complexity, but will definitely reduce the patrolling time. Please let me know if this is a cheaper option than a).

c) Finally and this is the most disturbing part. Our sidewalk widths which were already small on the affected courts in Vineyard Hills, and Lynx drive have been made smaller and unsafe with the new permit parking signs. There are elderly people who walk during the early or late hours, kids who ride their bikes on the sidewalks, and some folks on motorized wheelchairs for which these activities may lead to injuries. This needs to be addressed right away. This is a potential liability for the city.

I would like to work with you to improve the experience for my neighbors and for the success of this program.

Thank you and best wishes,
Subroto Datta
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