

# Downtown Parking Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
Bangor City Council Chambers

## AGENDA

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Discussion of Timed Spaces on Harlow St.**

Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) has expressed interest in having the time increased for the parking spaces on Harlow St. between Central St. and State St. EMDC conveyed that the current one-hour time limit was not sufficient when individuals visit their establishment for meetings.

This change would bring this part of Harlow St. into better alignment with the rest of the block which is currently has a 90 minute parking limit.

Staff recommends increasing the time on the identified spaces on Harlow St. to 90 minutes.



3. **Discussion of Timed Spaces on Court St.**

WBRC has requested to eliminate the timed spaces on lower Court Street. Prior to the implementation of the LPR enforcement system, the parking spaces on Court St. were not monitored consistently. It appears that it was the practice of some to park there all day. Since the incorporation of

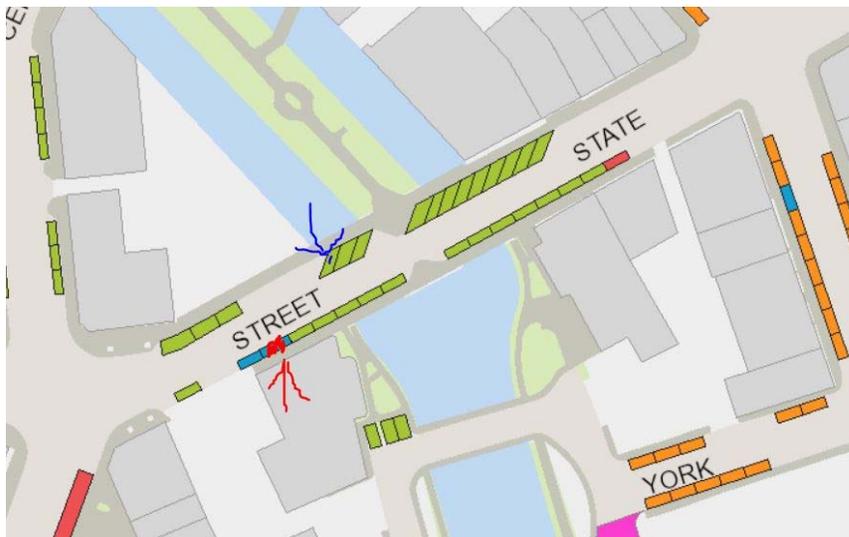
the LPR system, people have chosen to park elsewhere, including in the Court Street permit parking lot.

Downtown parking spaces are time-limited, in part to encourage their use by customers and visitors. At present, the lower spaces on Court St are receiving minimal use. This is likely in large part because the building at 127 Hammond Street is vacant. Staff recommends against a change, both due to the general policy of time-limiting downtown parking, and in order to avoid basing parking decision on the vacancy of a nearby building.

#### 4. Handicapped Spaces On State Street

In order to improve accessibility needs on State Street, City staff have proposed moving an existing handicapped space from in front of 2 Hammond St (the former location of the Senior Center and current location of the Bangor Area Chamber of Commerce) to a diagonal space further up State St. in front of Hannibal Hamlin Park. The City's Engineer has reviewed the area and has determined that this change is satisfactory.

Staff recommends changing the location of a handicapped space on State St. as defined in the attached map (making the space at the red arrow a non-handicapped 90 minute timed space and making the space at the blue arrow a handicapped space).



#### 5. Discussion of On Street Permit Policy

Staff introduced this item at the last meeting. Currently we have the authority to designate on street spaces as permit spaces. We do not have a policy to guide these decisions. We will present a draft policy for review at the meeting.

## **6. Healthcare Workers at Bangor House**

John Hiatt, Bangor House resident, reached out voicing concern that healthcare workers that are visiting the Bangor House have seen an increase in parking tickets.

In the past when faced with similar scenarios, we have suggested that the building or business purchase parking permits in a nearby permit lot. For instance, the front desk at Freese's Building Apartments on Main St. keeps several parking permits for the Pickering Square Garage for this purpose, allowing health care workers to use them when they arrive.

There is a permit lot in close proximity to the Bangor House with ten spaces available. The Bangor House may wish to purchase one or more permits to keep on hand for health care workers.

## **7. Other Business**