



# STREET PARKING SURVEY RESULTS + CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

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# OVERVIEW

- Review of Survey Results
- Review of CDC Recommendations
- Next Steps for Community Feedback

**Due to time constraints, we may not be able to take individual questions from the community during this meeting.** Please write down any comments or questions that you have on the provided comment cards.

We will collect those during and after the presentation. If we do not have time to address all questions at this meeting, we will post a Q&A on our website to address the most frequently asked questions.

## BACKGROUND

- Over the last couple of years, the City of Detroit City has been working with the community to revise the residential permit parking program for Detroit.
- Given the unique situation and needs of Brush Park, the Brush Park Community Development Corporation (“**CDC**”) is now working closely with the City Planning Commission (“**CPC**”) to develop a parking plan that best suits our needs.
- The CDC met with CPC on Monday, February 5 to kick off this Project. The action item for CDC was to provide CPC with our recommendations for parking.
- The CDC circulated a community wide parking survey to get input from residents, property owners, business owners and customers in Brush Park.

# DEMOGRAPHICS AND PARKING BEHAVIOR

- Over a three week period, we received 175 responses from residents, property owners, business operators and customers.
- 87% of responses were from residents with an average of 6 years living in Brush Park.
- 69% of respondents agree that street parking is unpredictable and that they sometimes (30%) or always (39%) have to search for street parking rather than parking in the same place.
- Only 17% indicate that they can generally find on-street parking in Brush Park. 57% disagree or strongly disagree with this statement. Similarly, 58% agree that it is too difficult to find on-street parking in Brush Park.
- Only 20% of respondents generally park on the same block as their destination. The majority of responders have to park 1 block (22%), 2 blocks (27%) or 3 or more blocks (10%) away.
- 87% agree that on-street parking has become more difficult since the opening of Little Caesar's Arena, with 75% strongly agreeing.

# SURVEY RESULTS: RESIDENTS

- 153 residents responded to the Survey
- 21.6% of residents do not have any dedicated parking and require street parking.
- 71% of residents indicated that they need the use of street parking. 17% indicated that they also need handicap parking for themselves or for guests.
- 69% of residents agree or strongly agree that the current state of on-street parking negatively impacts how much they enjoy living in Brush Park.

“It truly limits how much you can engage with family and friends in your home and it's not fair just because people are too cheap to pay for parking at the stadiums/arena; especially the employees of said places.”

“I have been a resident of BP for almost 10 years and the lack of parking has drastically become a problem. Also the traffic on once quiet streets and people parking like jerks has made driving down your own street to get home a nightmare”

“I live in brush park and it is always a hassle for myself and my visitors to find parking. My visitors often times have to walk blocks or pay for parking. When there is an event (LCA) I can not find parking.” 5

## SURVEY RESULTS: BUSINESSES AND CUSTOMERS

- 19 commercial owner/operator responded to the survey. 50% can service more than 20 customers at one time.
- 65% do not have dedicated off-street parking for their customers.
- 42% indicated that they receive customer complaints of lack of street parking more than 4x per week. 14% receive customer complaints regularly (3-4x per week) and 29% receive customer complaints occasionally (1-2x week).
- 45% of customers agree or strongly agree that the current state of street parking negative impacts their willingness to patron businesses in Brush Park

## SURVEY RESULTS: PARKING PERCEPTIONS

- **On-street parking is primarily taken by residents:** 14% agree or strongly agree; 72% disagree or strongly disagree.
- **On-street parking is primarily taken by customers of Brush Park businesses:** 33% agree or strongly agree; 45% disagree or strongly disagree.
- **On-street parking is primarily taken by employees of nearby businesses:** 59% agree or strongly agree; 24% disagree or strongly disagree.
- **On-street parking is primarily taken by visitors of nearby attractions:** 88% agree with 71% strongly agreeing; 7% disagree or strongly disagree.
- **Parked vehicles on vacant lots negatively impact my perception of Brush Park:** 65% of respondents agree or strongly agree.

“We have all heard about people being towed out of lots where someone will stand out there and charge them not knowing that their parking illegally or just following the pack. I also do not see anyone being held accountable for their actions.”

“Parking on the vacant lots is as much of a problem in my opinion. People park on sidewalks, jump curbs, and generally create congestion and safety issue.”

“Non authorized parking lots during events is a problem. Non property owners put up signs on empty lots and collect money - then vanish.” <sup>7</sup>

# ADDITIONAL CONCERNS: ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING RULES

- The majority of respondents expressed concerns over the lack of enforcement of existing parking rules in Brush Park.
- Lack of enforcement of these rules has resulted in unsafe driving, walking and living conditions.

“One of the biggest problems is the number of illegally parked cars and shuttle buses, and drop off/pickups from shuttle buses, limos and taxis in no standing zones. These zones are only wide enough for 2 vehicles and when 1 is parked, it creates an unsafe situation.”

“The City needs to enforce parking laws in Brush Park! People park illegally all the time and it is truly a public safety hazard-- God forbid there was a fire or an ambulance needed to come through.”

“Buses should not be allowed to park on the 75 service drive ... They are BLOCKING fire hydrants and there are "No Parking" signs posted. The police do nothing even after its been reported. The buses are loud and they leave them running for hours at a time.”

“Parking is out of control during events at LCA, people illegally park and make driving down my street very dangerous. Buses also park illegally in the street and make it challenging to get to my garage, often blocking driveways.”

“Needs better police enforcement - vehicles block private drives and park illegally frequently, even parking on the sidewalk on occasion”

Parking needs to be monitored better. People double parking, parking in front of hydrants, too close to stop signs and too far down on Woodward so you cannot see traffic approaching when you try to turn out off of Watson.”



## ADDITIONAL CONCERNS: BEHAVIOR OF VISITORS TO NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Many respondents left comments regarding disrespectful behavior of visitors of nearby attractions and employees of such attractions. Visitors are often hostile to and ignore resident requests to move their vehicles.
- The neighborhood needs support from law enforcement to protect residents and their property and rules that discourage the use of Brush Park as a parking lot.

“The buses line the service drive which is also illegal. People who get on and off these buses have been seen time and time again illegally throwing their trash all over our properties, drinking alcohol as they get off of private party buses and pissing in public.”

The buses parking on Brush and the service drive during games at all three of the stadiums is particularly obnoxious to me. They clog the streets, and almost always bring drunk people who disrespect the neighborhood, leave trash and beer cans and use the streets as bathrooms.”

“My roommates and I have had to call the police to have cars towed on 20+ occasions due to cars blocking our drive way/the street. We have also had arena visitors become aggressive when asked to move their cars from private property.”

“This neighborhood has become a parking lot. There are lots of abusive drinking, and noise with the people who are parking in the neighborhood.”

**“My home should not be a free for all or pass through for those coming to an event. I’d also like us to take pride by not letting folks think dropping trash, beer bottles, etc is acceptable.”**

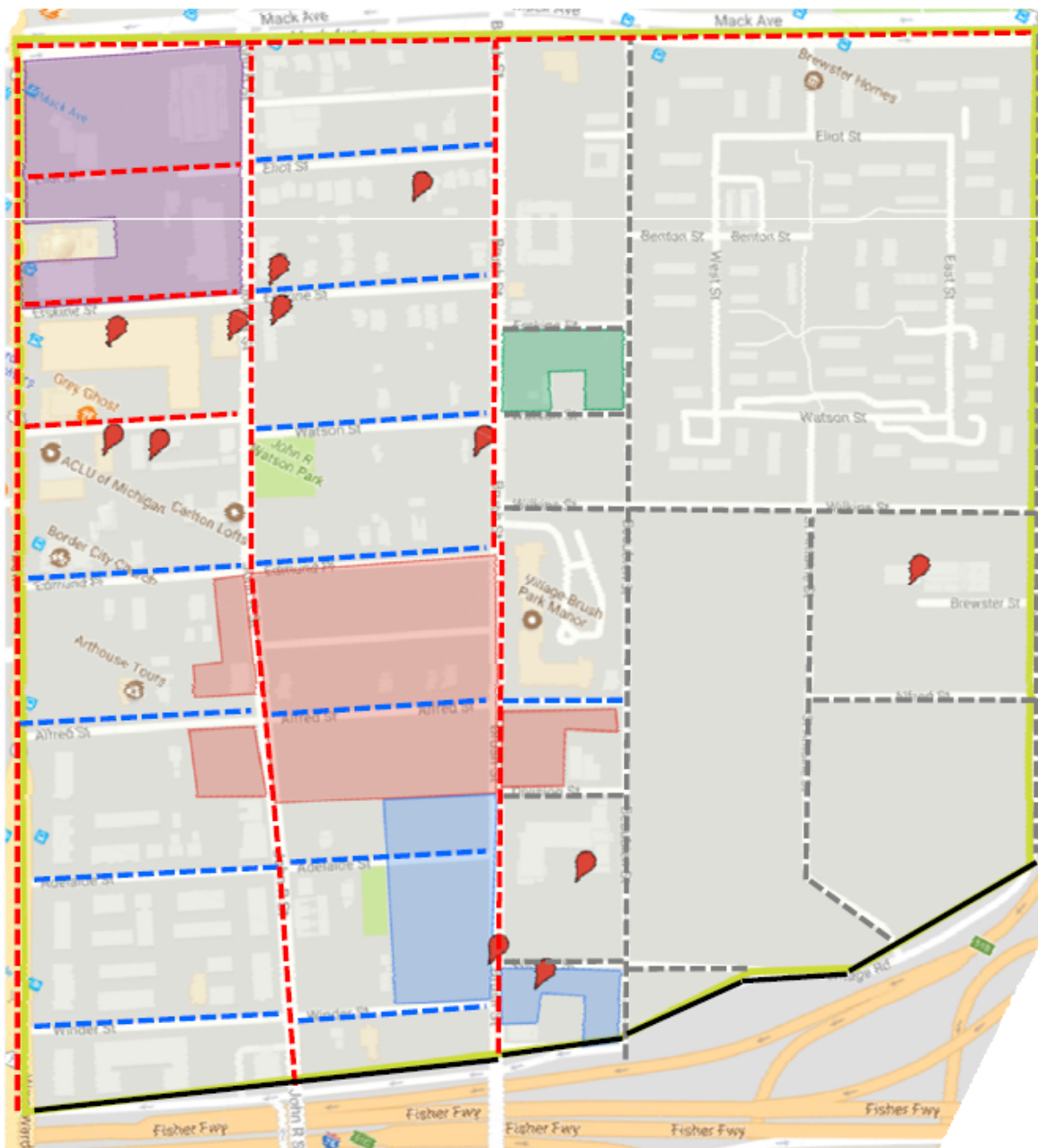
“They come and park where, their are clearly signs posted "No Parking Private Parking". When tow truck drivers come, they are upset and want to attack them. I also leave in front of a walkway, and now cars are driving through and messing up the side walk and some flowers that are planted there.”



# CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

## CDC RECOMMENDATIONS – PERMIT PARKING AND PAID PARKING ZONES

- We recommend that permit parking be instituted on primarily residential streets. This include most east-west streets and certain sections of north/south street.
- We recommend that paid parking zones be instituted on most sections of north/south streets and certain east/west streets. This is to protect parking for visitors to Brush Park businesses and to prevent employees from nearby businesses from parking all
- We recommend that permit parking areas monitored 24/7 and be designated as tow-away zones.



## BRUSH PARK CDC Neighborhood Parking Recommendations

Updated as of 3.7.18

### Recommendations Key

- - - - - Permit Parking
- - - - - Paid Parking Zone
- No Parking
- - - - - TBD

The highlighted areas and markers represent development projects proposed or currently underway in Brush Park.

For information on the development projects noted on this map, please visit our website at [BrushParkCDC.org](http://BrushParkCDC.org)

# CDC RECOMMENDATIONS— PERMIT PARKING PROCESS AND POLICY

- We recommend that every addressed residence be permitted to participate in the program such that each separately rentable unit in an apartment or home is permitted to acquire a permit.
- To obtain a permit, we recommend that residents must:
  - Own or lease a car registered to a Brush Park address and use a Brush Park address on their license.
  - Show proof of residency with a signed/valid lease or deed to property
  - Show proof of occupancy with a valid utility bill (e.g. DTE bill)
- We recommend that permits be tied to license plates so that permits may not be sold and for ease of ticketing (can tie into the existing system for paid parking zones).
- Permits will be issued or renewed annually. We recommend that only one permit may be issued per license and that the number of permits per addressed residence be limited to two (2).
- We recommend that permit holders also be required to display a permit sticker in their windshield to facilitate residential self-policing.
- For the initial year, we recommend that permits be available for free or at a nominal cost to residents as a pilot program. We believe that the disrespect for parking rules in our neighborhood is so egregious that ticketing proceeds from offenders will easily pay for the permit program and the additional enforcement required. Further, the current lack of enforcement has residents very concerned that they will be paying for parking permits and still have no parking due to lack of enforcement.

## CDC RECOMMENDATIONS – ENFORCEMENT

- Our understanding of the current rules are that vehicles must be ticketed by police in order to be towed.
- We recommend additional resources be deployed to enforce the existing parking rules in Brush Park, as well as the permit parking program.
  - We recommend that at least two (2) vehicles from the Detroit parking department monitor parking permit meter violations and at least two (2) police officers monitor other illegal parking violations and ticket parking permit violations.
- We recommend that the City implore the operators of Ford Field, Comerica Park and Little Caesar's Arena to provide affordable parking to their employees. Such parking can be facilitated with off-site parking and shuttles to LCA or passes for the Q-Line.
- We recommend that the City enforce the existing rules to stop bus idling on the 1-75 Service Drive and within our neighborhood.

## NEXT STEPS – COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- This presentation will be circulated through our mailing list along with a link to provide feedback on the recommendations. Comments will be due by March 28<sup>th</sup>. All materials related to this project will be available on our website at [www.BrushParkCDC.org](http://www.BrushParkCDC.org)
- The CDC will update its recommendations as appropriate based upon community feedback.
- The CDC will be meeting with CPC over the next two months to discuss these recommendations.
- CPC has a goal of establishing a City wide permit parking policy by November 2018.