

Outdoor Seating

Parklet/Parkette, Street Eateries & Parking Lots

Request for Reimplementation



Parklets

Temporary seating platforms, placed flush with the curb, create an extension of the sidewalk by replacing one or two parking spaces with a small, new park.



Outdoor seating, whether in sidewalk cafes, parklets or street eateries, increases the use of a city's public space, expands business activity and can add vitality to an area.

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Use in Downtown Camas

Camas staff approved permits for these outdoor areas to help increase seating capacity and provide flexible operating space for downtown businesses to remain open under the set of Statewide restrictions imposed in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

- Temporary permits were issued for one year
- As COVID continued permits were extended
- Aug 2022 Mayor Hogan rescinded permits and areas were dismantled by Oct 31
- Mesa and Feast 316 requested City to allow reimplementatation

Parking Advisory Committee

Parklets Workshop

January 10, 2023



Maialae Ave. & 12th Ave.

Questions & Considerations

- Safety - Interaction with Traffic and Pedestrians
- Parking Availability – reduction in parking spaces
- Temporary (Seasonal) vs. Permanent
- Is use and maintenance Public or Private
- Who do they serve – Restaurants, Retail, Non-Businesses, Service Clubs, etc.
- Locations – Only 4th or other streets as well



Comments

- Mesa Owners – “Parklet was always packed.”
- C-W Chamber - Polled businesses in 2022 and “Parklets were not wanted.”
- Recent Unsolicited Emails
 - Support both sides (i.e. Allow/Don't Allow)
- Big Picture Perspective
 - Long-Term vision for Downtown?
 - Close 4th to traffic to create Walking Mall?
 - Downtown Sub-Area Plan



Council Input

- Topic that Council wants to explore?
- Considerations
 - Significant effort for well thought-out process
 - Other priorities of staff right now
 - Something else will have to give
 - Standalone Process
 - Workgroup to gather feedback from entire community
 - Parking Committee – iterative approach
 - Council Process
 - **Comprehensive Process - Downtown Sub-Area Plan**
 - Significant Public Outreach
 - Can help define limits and concepts
 - Establish vision w/ comprehensive approach
 - Follow up Design Guidelines and/or standards
 - Temporary based on Business Survey?