

Question & Answer Matrix
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Log #	AB No.	Received From	Question	Staff Response
1	6603	Reynolds	Does the term “Town Center Parking Area”, as referenced in the second bulleted recommendation and elsewhere in this AB, refer specifically and exclusively to the “Tully’s Site”?	<p>The Town Center Parking Area refers to the former Tully’s site (7810 SE 27th St) and the cul-de-sac area at the end of East Sunset Highway that is currently under construction.</p> <p>We don’t have a formal name for the new parking area, so this is a placeholder name for the time being.</p>
2	6603	Reynolds	I see no reference anywhere in the AB to limiting parking to MI residents. Would such a limitation, specifically at the Tully’s Site, be legal and practical? Alternatively, is there a practical option for having no fee for residents?	<p>The staff moved away from proposing “Mercer Island only” parking given the challenges with administering this type of regulation for so few parking spaces. Keep in mind, when “Mercer Island only” parking was previously considered, it was tied to a parking garage that was proposed to have 80 to 100 parking stalls. Additional detail on this recommendation is provided below.</p> <p>Limiting parking at the Town Center Parking Area to only Mercer Island residents would require implementing a parking permit program. Given that there will only be 33 parking stalls, it would be challenging to equitably and efficiently implement a parking permit program for so few spaces. In addition, staff are continuing to pursue grant applications for EV charging infrastructure at this location. The project would no longer qualify for most grant programs if access to the chargers is routinely restricted.</p> <p>The mobile applications do not have a feature that would allow us to restrict parking to Mercer Island residents only.</p>
3	6603	Reynolds	What are the legal and practical challenges for making some spots at the Tully’s site to have a four hour max, while allowing longer-term parking at other spots?	<p>In the mobile application, each blockface will be considered a zone with set parking regulations. We cannot have two different time limit maximums in the same zone. In other words, at the Town Center Parking Area it would not be possible to have a 4-hour maximum and a 12-hour maximum.</p>

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4	6641	Reynolds	The tree canopy makes it hard to understand the current layout of the park. If practical, in the meeting, please provide a markup overlay of the photo to show locations of the entry road, the parking lot, the bike skills area, the dragon, the picnic area, the restroom, and other key features. (If this is impractical at this stage, please be sure to provide this when the next stage of the design is brought to the Council.)	The presentation will include a site map with the current features identified.
5	6642	Reynolds	Please clarify the difference between a master plan and an infrastructure plan. Is one a subset of the other?	<p>A master plan provides a long-term vision/plan (20 to 30-year) <u>for the entire park</u>. The work product is concept only. See the Luther Burbank Park or Aubrey Davis Park Master Plans as an example.</p> <p>An infrastructure plan or site plan is focused on a specific area of the park or specific amenities planned for upgrade/replacement. The planning tool is intended to feed directly into a capital project. Specifically, the infrastructure/site plan work product includes schematic designs and preliminary cost estimates for project development, permitting, and grant applications.</p>
6	6646	Reynolds	Is the reference to “police power” relevant and intended in the first whereas clause?	The term “police power” is in reference to the government’s authority to pass laws relating to public health, safety and welfare. About 100 years ago, the Supreme Court held in the seminal Village of Euclid case that governments can pass zoning and land use laws because they fall under the umbrella of public health, safety and welfare. Police power to adopt zoning and land use laws are held by states (not federal government) under the 10 th amendment, and the WA legislature delegated some of that power to local governments. The whereas clause in question is in reference to the City of Mercer Island’s delegated police power to adopt land use and zoning ordinances, and has been in use in ordinances that amend the City’s development regulations for a number of years.

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7	6647	Reynolds	Is the reference to “police power” relevant and intended in the first whereas clause?	Same response as #6.