



Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE

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CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES

1. [Approval of the Minutes from September 9, 2025 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

MEETING ITEMS

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
3. [Parklet Update and Discussion](#)
[Presenter: Alan Peters, Community Development Director, Scott Collins, Public Works Director, and James Carothers, Engineering Manager](#)
[Time Estimate: 30 minutes](#)
4. [Proposed Parking Changes for City Hall and Fire Station 41](#)
[Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager](#)
[Time Estimate: 15 minutes](#)

CLOSE OF MEETING



**Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes -
Draft
Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 5:00 PM
Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Keller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members Joe Keller, Justin Lottig, Kelsi Morris and Kristen Yoshimura

Staff: Sydney Baker, James Carothers, Madeline Coulter and Alan Peters

Absent: Committee Members Brie Marais, Jodi Vaughan and Curt Warner

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from May 13, 2025 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting

It was moved by Lottig, and seconded by Yoshimura, to approve the May 13, 2025 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ITEMS

2. Downtown Parklet Discussion
Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager

This was for the Parking Advisory Committee's information only. Discussion ensued.

3. Downtown Parking Revision Discussion
Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager

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CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Downtown Parklets

PARKLET OPTIONS

Downtown Subarea Plan

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- A partial draft of the plan was released in July 2025. Informed by public input received in community conversations, online visioning surveys, two community summits, Downtown Advisory and Community Advisory Committee meetings.
 - Preserve historic downtown core
 - Plan for moderate increases in density, including mixed-use buildings
 - Promote pedestrian safety and traffic calming
 - Provide more open spaces and gathering spaces
 - Support development of a civic hub



Vision Statement



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Goals and Policies

Architecture and Design.

Retain Downtown's historic character and expand its charm.

Downtown Housing.

Incentivize a range of housing options that welcome more people to live downtown.

Urban Amenities.

Provide the right mix of development, services, and open spaces that support ways for people to live, work, and play Downtown.

Economic Development.

Encourage (re)development to expand opportunities Downtown for retail, office, and residential.

Civic Life.

Expand on civic life and services Downtown through strategic use of City-owned property and vibrant community events.

Multimodal Connectivity.

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Relevant Policies

Goal DT-3: Urban Amenities. Provide the right mix of development, services, and public spaces that support ways for people to live, work, and play Downtown.

- DT-3.5: Create a parklet program that converts downtown curbside parking spaces into community seating spaces for businesses and residents.
- DT-3.7: Support and incentivize business and property owners to incorporate outdoor patios, seating areas, planters, and other landscape features that contribute to an inviting and dynamic streetscape.

Goal DT-5: Civic Life. Expand on civic life and services Downtown through strategic use of City-owned property and vibrant community events.

- DT-5.4: Develop guidelines and permitting procedures for seasonal or temporary use of public spaces for outdoor dining, retail displays, community events, and allow for pedestrian flow and safety.



Parklet

Definition:

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Why Cities Use Them:

- Increases foot traffic and extends usable space
- Enhances street life and vibrancy
- Can improve visual interest or appearance thru design elements
- Traffic Calming
- Flexible and can be piloted/removed



Concerns

Some downtown business owners have expressed concerns about parklets.

- Parking & Access
 - Concern about loss of limited on-street parking and impacts to customer convenience.
- Fairness
 - Perception that parklets primarily benefit restaurants
- Practicality
 - Outdoor dining viewed as viable for a limited portion of the year



Parklet Options

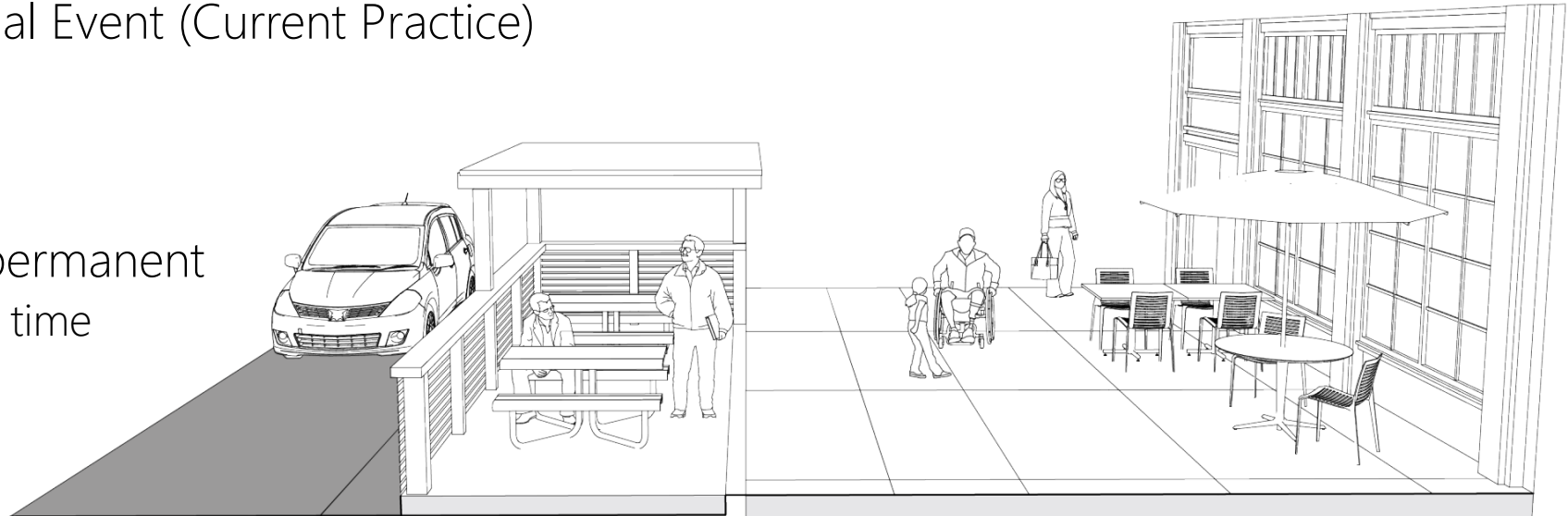
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- ❖ 1-3 Days

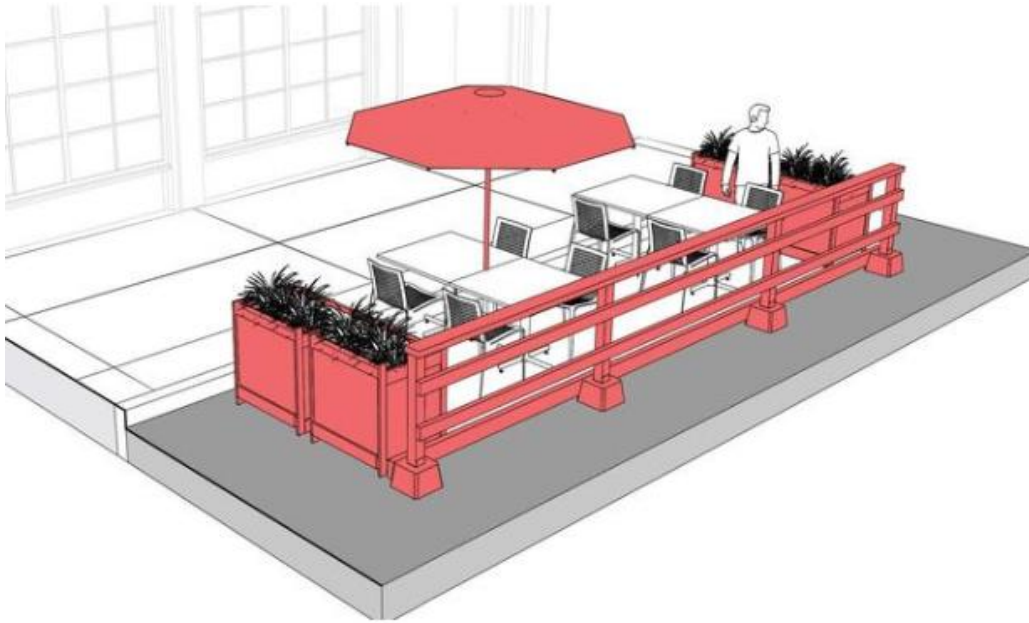
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- ❖ Year-Round



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*Temporary streatery rendering, credit:
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Special Events

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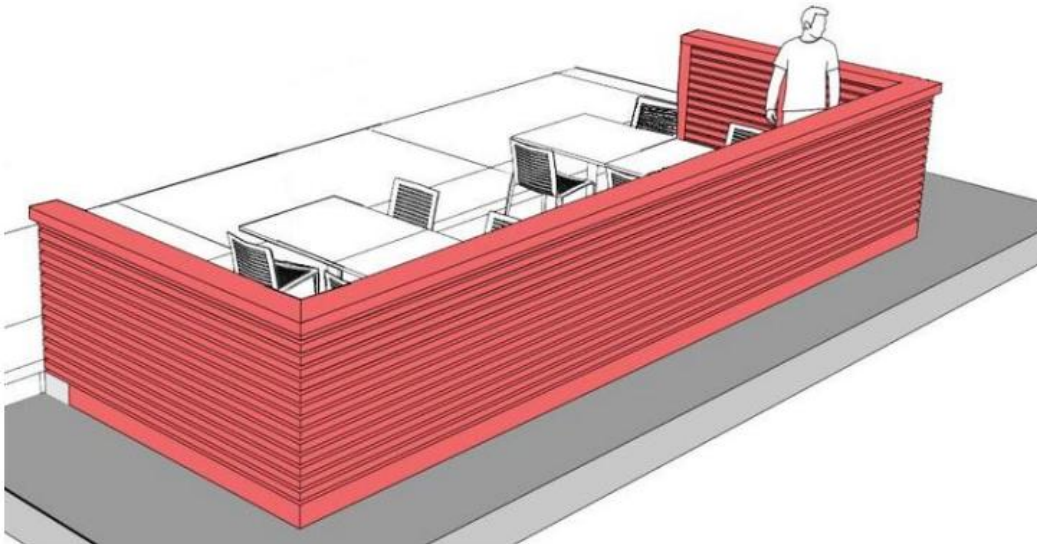
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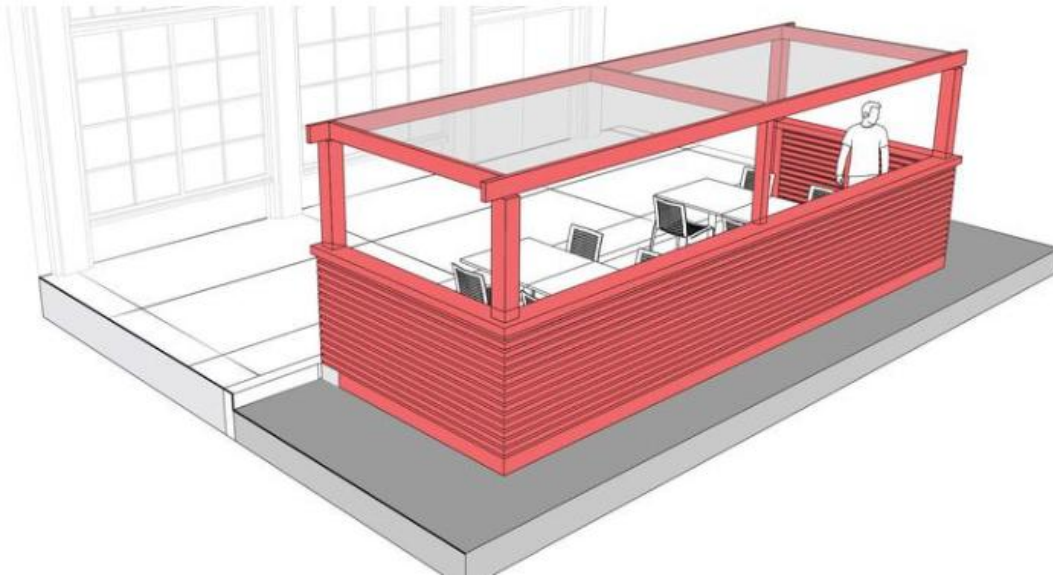
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*Parklet in Chicago's Chatham Neighborhood
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Year-Round/Stationary



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Locations



STREET TYPES.

- 5.1 Main Streets (MNS)
- 5.2 Connector Streets (CNS)
- 5.3 Mobility Streets (MBS)
- 5.4 Gateway Streets (GWS)
- 5.5 Neighborhood Streets (NHS)

Aesthetics and Designs

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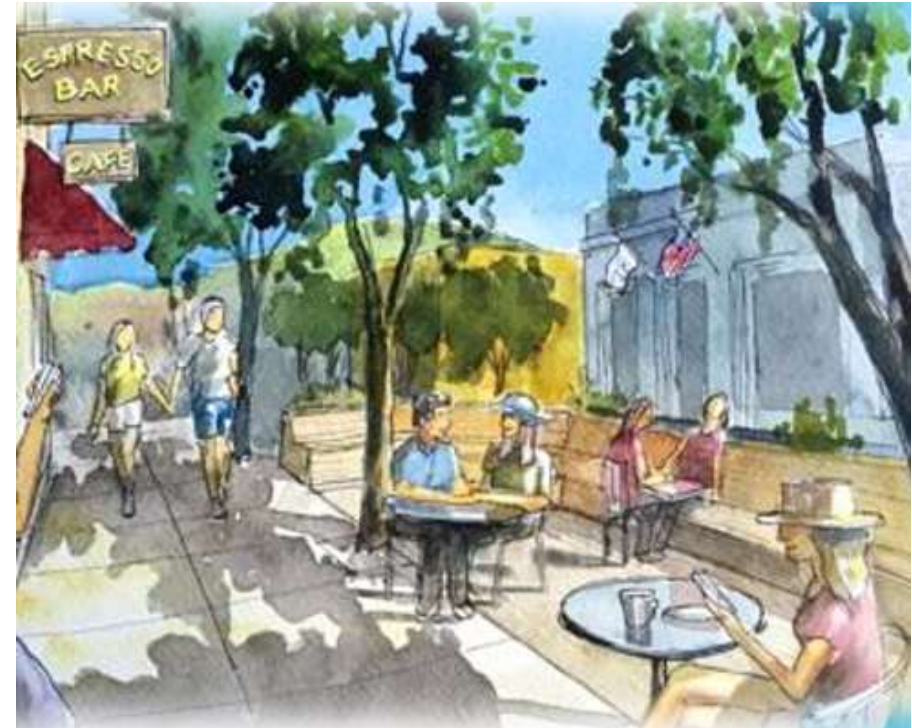
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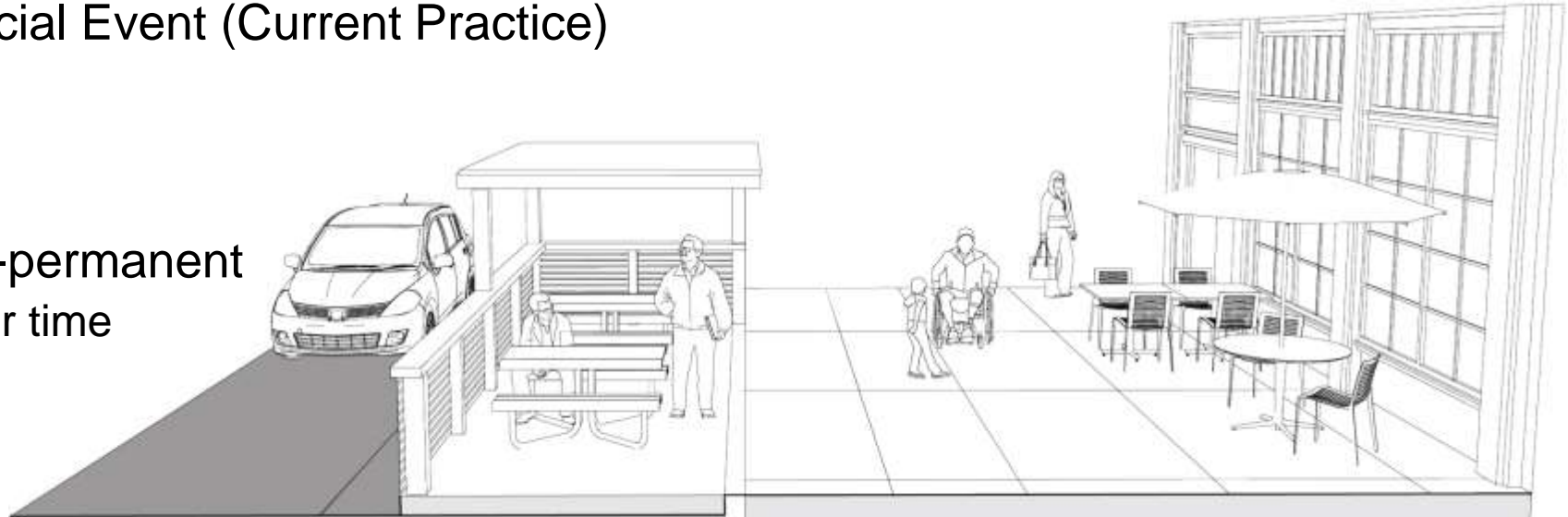
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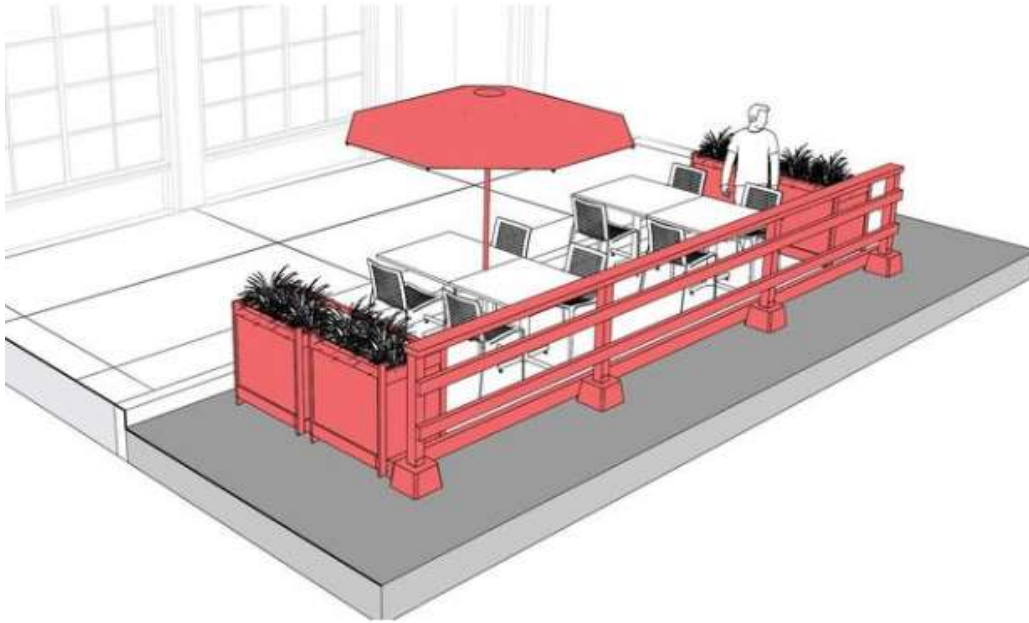
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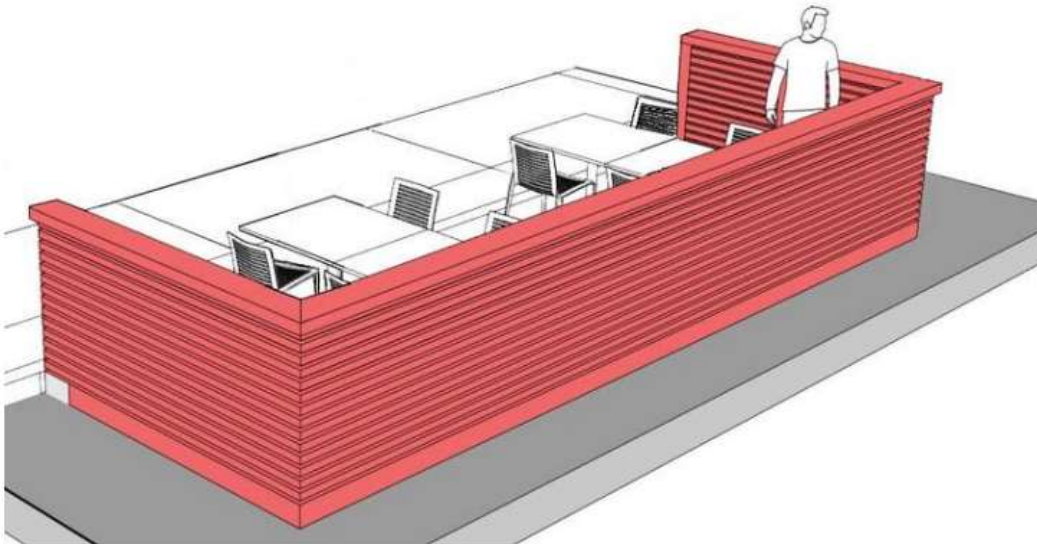
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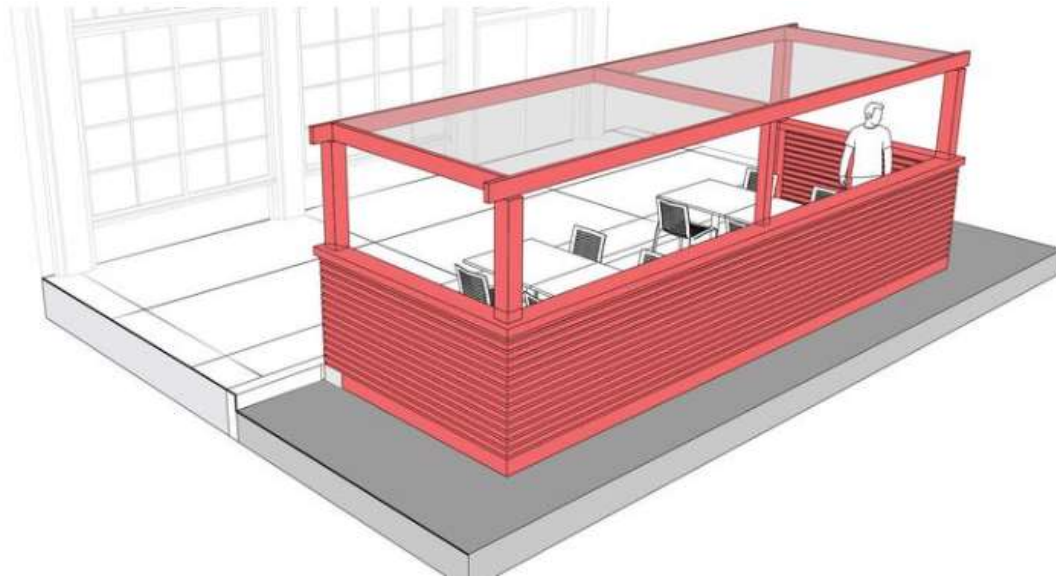
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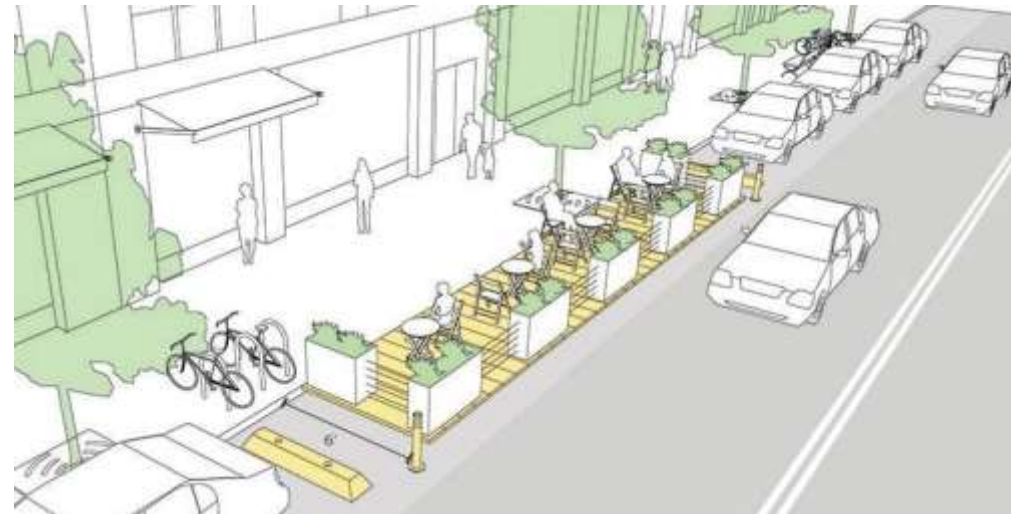


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Staff Report

January 13, 2026 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting

Proposed Parking Changes for City Hall and Fire Station 41

Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

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BACKGROUND: In August 2024 the Camas voters passed a bond measure for a new Fire Station 41. The siting for this new fire station is the City annex building property located at the southwest corner of NE 4th Avenue and NE Everett Street. The new fire station will also remove the two parking lots to the south of this building as well as parking spaces on NE Everett Street and in the City Hall basement. NE Everett Street from NE 3rd Avenue to NE 4th Avenue has been vacated and will be closed to vehicular traffic in the near future.

SUMMARY: Public Works staff has been tasked with identifying additional parking to offset the loss of both on-street and off-street spaces due to construction of the new fire station. The attached map shows recommended changes to the downtown parking, including:

- Revising parallel spaces to diagonal spaces on NE Dallas Street, Everett Street, Franklin Street, and 5th Avenue.
- Limiting NE Everett Street to one-way northbound traffic between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue.
- Limiting NE Franklin Street to one-way southbound traffic between 5th Avenue and 3rd Avenue.
- The net change in parking spaces.

Staff will cover these revisions in more detail at the January 13th meeting. Staff will be seeking comments and consensus from the Committee regarding these recommended changes.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is recommending that the Parking Advisory Committee recommend that Council adopt the changes shown on the attached map once the fire department has moved out of the existing fire station on NE Franklin Street.

