

Meeting Date: 4/9/14

Agenda Item Number: 5

SUBJECT: Tempe Beach Parking Lot

COMMENTS: In Downtown Tempe, all public parking spaces are metered or gated except for the Tempe Beach parking lot. As new buildings come on line, Tenant spaces in buildings fill, and ASU expands, parking demand in downtown becomes more and more stressed.

Tempe Beach Park parking lot has become a prime parking spot for contractors working on new buildings and tenant improvements on buildings in the area. In addition, tenants and students will park in this lot and ride or walk to their destination. This takes away from people wanting to use the park, splash playground, rent a boat, or just picnic, especially during the workweek.

City Staff and DTC parking are proposing that a three hour parking limit be administered for this parking lot during the weekdays. Three hours was chosen as it will deter contractors, tenants and students from using the park while, hopefully, giving park users enough time enjoy the park.

Signs would be placed in the parking lot and the parking lot would be monitored the same as the remainder of downtown and tickets would be issued for violations.

Your recommendation will be forwarded to the City council for consideration.