

Capitol Mall Parking Plan Delayed; Negotiations Underway

Rules and regulations for renting parking spaces to state employees working in the Capitol Mall area are now under negotiation between an Ad Hoc Parking Committee and the Department of General Services.

Although announcement of the parking charge by General Services came as a surprise to most employees, it was authorized over two years ago by the 1967 Legislature when it enacted legislation, over the opposition of OSEA and others, providing for parking fees. Supervision of the program was given to the Secretary of State.

The 1969 Legislature transferred responsibility for the program to General Services.

It wasn't until June 24, however, that the agency got around to informing employees that, effective July 1, charges would be made for parking

spaces in Capitol Mall area lots and streets.

The fee was to be \$10 for parking in reserved, surfaced lots and \$5 for graveled lots.

Almost immediately petitions began to circulate among employees opposing the plan. The day following the announcement petitions bearing a reported 600 signatures had been collected opposing the fee.

On the same day, however, General Services said it had received applications for parking spaces from 400 employees.

A group of employees from the Mall, including Ronald W. Nairn, director of OSEA's District Two, and Wayne Reed, president of the Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon, met in OSEA headquarters.

The result of that meeting

was formation of the Ad Hoc Parking Committee and a letter to Gov. Tom McCall asking that implementation of the plan be delayed until employees could be heard.

"It is clear to me that there is no question regarding legislative intent. We are obligated to set and charge fees for state employee's parking," McCall said.



JAMES A. REDDEN
Gets PERB Post

Redden Named To PERB Post

Former Medford Democratic legislator James A. Redden, 40, has been appointed by Gov. Tom McCall to a two-year term on the new Public Employee Relations Board. His term began July 1.

Redden fills the unexpired term of Portland attorney Herbert M. Schwab, who has been appointed to the state's new Court of Appeals by McCall.

The PERB replaced the Civil Service Commission on July 1. It is responsible for state employee protection functions under a quasi-judicial appeals process.

Redden, served three terms in the legislature during the 1963-65-67 sessions. He was House Minority Leader during the 1967 session, served as vice-chairman of the Elections Committee and on the Judiciary and Taxation Committees.

He was also on the Judiciary, Constitutional Revision and State and Federal Affairs Committees during the 1963-65 sessions.

Redden has practiced law in Medford since 1956. He is a graduate of the Boston University College of Business Administration and Boston College Law School.

He and his wife, Joan, live with their two sons at 3288 Hollywood Ave., Medford.

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However, the governor said he would recognize the committee recommended by OSEA and ordered General Services to postpone implementation of parking fees until August 1.

"I want to make it clear that as far as I am concerned, any fee collected from public employees for parking will be dedicated to the development of additional parking capability and not diverted for general building construction," McCall added.

The ad hoc committee has proposed the following items for negotiation:

(1) Further study should be given to the reasonableness of the proposed charges. The proposed charge for a \$10 reserved space is higher than that being charged at private lots, and would probably result in charges at existing private lots being raised.

(2) All parking spaces should be rented on a guaranteed basis, rather than \$10 spaces being reserved but only a "hunting license" given for the \$5 spaces.

(3) Employees should not be required to pay for spaces over a 20-month period, then be evicted to make room for legislators and their employees during the legislative sessions.

(4) Charges should be confined to the parking lots and should not be imposed on the semi-public street spaces in the Mall area.

(5) There should be assurance that the proceeds from parking fees go for the purpose for which they were intended at the time the 1967 legislation was enacted—for the building of a Capitol Mall parking facility and not for general building construction.

(6) A fair procedure for obtaining permits should be evolved, and there should be a time at which the permits would be reviewed and, if necessary, persons not getting permits in the first instance should have a chance at them in turn.

(7) A number of spaces in the streets of the Mall should be set aside for use as bus terminals for employees who make the choice not to park in the charged area but want to use public transportation.

Members of the committee include A. R. Panissidi, State Lands, and Wayne Reed, Highway Department, co-chairmen; Clyde Huskey, Workmen's Compensation Board; Eugene Kunkle, Department of Agriculture; and Ralph Jackson, State Engineer.

OSEA Records Enrollment Dip During June

For the first month since last March, OSEA has lost more members than it gained.

The membership report of July 1 shows 238 members were enrolled during June. But the association lost 256 during the same period, leaving it with a net loss of 18.

Only four of OSEA's nine districts recorded net gains. They were led by District Two, which had a net increase of 15 members.

It was followed by District Three with 8, District Four with 5 and District Eight with 3.

The five districts recording net losses were District One with 9, District Five with 5, District Six with 3, District Seven with 9 and District Nine with 23.

Viking Chapter 81 in Portland led all chapters with a net gain of 10 members.

Willamette Chapter 21 in Salem and University of Oregon Faculty Chapter 72 in Eugene were next with a net increase of 8 each.

Putnam-Stephens Chapter 23 and VAFA Chapter 69, both located in Salem, had a net gain of 7 each.

The report puts OSEA's total membership at 16,110.

Job Review Wanted At Motor Vehicles

OSEA has notified the Department of Motor Vehicles that it wants to open negotiations on a collective bargaining agreement calling for a "comprehensive position review and classification study of

all terminal operator and driver license examiner positions" in the agency.

Staff member Everett B. Stiles said a meeting will be held with Chester W. Ott, DMV's new director, later this month.

"The purpose of our agreement is to accurately define and evaluate the work being performed by the terminal operators and driver license examiners," Stiles said.

"Once that is accomplished, it will insure the employees in those positions are receiving fair and competitive wages."

OSEA wants the job study completed six months from the date the agency signs the agreement.

The review and study will be conducted by the agency, according to the agreement. It says any individual employee may request a "specific desk-audit" of his duties and responsibilities.

OSEA also wants the opportunity to comment on the results and findings of the review and study before the agency recommends changes to the Personnel Division.

"The recommended and ultimately approved reclassifications, as a result of the review and study, will be implemented without delay," the document says.

Education Signs Basic Contract

The Board of Education has signed OSEA's basic collective bargaining contract following months of negotiation.

It was negotiated by staff member Gilbert C. Polanski and signed by Dale Parnell, superintendent of public instruction, on June 20.

Unlike other basic contracts negotiated by OSEA, it calls for all future employment relations matters that are negotiated for employees to be contained in one supplemental agreement.

That means, in effect, that a single agreement will be negotiated each year covering working conditions and other employment relations matters.

In other agencies, OSEA may open negotiations on supplemental agreements covering specific working conditions after giving the agency a specified number of days notice.

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