

Re: Car Sharing Program

I support all options as it pertains to ways of getting around the city. The more options the better. I support the car sharing concept.

Here are my concerns:

1. Tied for first place , on the most pressing issue facing the city,are taxes and parking.
2. Long term,the goal could be accomplished. At present,I cannot justify removing 40-50 parking spaces from the residents.

In sub-committee I purposed an alternative which I could support and makes much more sense,with less impact on our residents.

To begin the process place the cars in existing surface parking lots around town and then embark on a public relations campaign.

Negotiate with commercial establishments. I am sure they would donate 1 spot to Be a good neighbor.

Examples of highly visable spots.

Bank at 3rd & Washington St.
Walgreen's at 1st & Washington St.
Lot at 2nd & Willow Ave. - city owned
Columbian Towers – Bloomfield St.
Columbian Arms – Madison St.
A & P - Clinton St.
Shop-Rite – Madison St.
CVS – Clinton St.
Park on Park
Burlington
Battaglias Home
Observer & Washington St.
Vezzitti Way – city owned
11th and Willow Ave.- city owned
Board of Education – city owned
Shipyard
Demarest
Malibu Diner
Mid-Town Garage – city owned
St. Ann's – parking lot

St.Francis Church – parking lot

Going forward,monitoring the usage,reassess and determine the need to either increase or decrease, as will be governed by public usage.

Give the public a warmup period.It is my belief phasing this concept in gradually helps us accomplish the goal ,with less of an impact on an already beleagured public.

The Resolution passed 8-1