

## PARKING SURVEY COMMENTS

**Most of the survey asked respondents to rank various issues and problems. These are scored in other summaries where scores of 1.0 to 1.9 are “good to ok” , 2.0 to 2.9 “fair” and above 3.0 bad”.**

**Respondents could also make comments to several of the questions including Question 6: “Please comment on anything”.**

We have gathered the comments into several topic groups. As you will see, some respondents commented on several issues.

Note: The “#” indicates the respondent identity. Locations are given in terms of the block (e.g., 200 blk Catharine) or approximate address (e.g., 72x S 3<sup>rd</sup>).

### **PARKING DIFFICULTY – GENERALLY & AT SPECIFIC TIMES**

**“Finding a Space” was fourth in the ranking of problems and issues related to parking, scoring around 3.1 “bad”. At the same time the scoring on “Parking Time Regulations Too Lenient” was rather low (2.0) indicating that respondents did not see “lenient” regulations as a problem, or, correspondingly, that more stringent regulations (e.g., covering more hours, more blocks, etc.) would be helpful.**

#10 (200 blk Catharine) The problem time is 8 pm to 6am. 7pm to 6 am on weekends.

#13 (400 blk Catharine) Week days is actually OK until 6 pm.

#17 (72x S 3<sup>rd</sup>) I think the difficult times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights along with the weekend days.

#27 (700 blk S Front) Parking is most difficult on Friday and Saturday nights when South Street is busy (despite the fact that there are many paid lots near South Street for visitors to use)- maybe the time limits should be lowered to 1 hour. It is easier to find parking after midnight on a Friday or Saturday night than it is at 9 or 10.

#35 (74x S 5<sup>th</sup>) Friday nights in the summer especially when it is warm and not raining are a real problem.....If it wasn't for the school [Meredith] on Fitzwater we would really be in trouble. Possibly can assist with the parking assessment -- but may be difficult with the hours I work. Overall the parking situation is definitely getting worse.

#39 (500 blk Queen) I don't drive at night anymore because I've spent a half hour looking for a parking space too many times in the evening.

#40 (200 blk Monroe) Sunday afternoons are only difficult in the summer.

#61 (200 blk Christian) Parking is only allowed on one side of the street in a densely populated block.

#86 (76x S Front) Only when everyone is at work can others park.

#93 (700 blk Passyunk) Parking is always difficult Thurs, Fri, and Saturday night.

#116 (200 blk Fitzwater) I only park on the street far away – by the Sedish Church where there is always a space.

#131 (100 blk Kenilworth) Thank you for the opportunity to comment on parking in Queen Village. Having lived in Queen Village all my life I find it a wonderful place to live and if I decide to move the reason would be parking..... I remember a time when Kenilworth Street ran through to Delaware Avenue. We had more parking than we knew what to do with. Sometimes I wish we could just bring back the warehouses and return the neighborhood to whom it belongs--the residents who live here

#134 (900 blk S 6<sup>th</sup>) Conversion of the public lot off 8th at Carpenter (?) to time limited and 22 permit required is ridiculous.

#136 (700 blk S 2<sup>nd</sup>) Difficulty is 6:30 – midnight.

#138 (100 blk Catharine) [Parking is]somewhat easier if rainy....no one on South St.... [Parking Saturday evenings] forget it.....[Sunday] difficult all day. Totally free to anyone. MTW 2 hr permit to 6:30 from 4:30 on parking is a problem. (Thur, Fri) 2 hr permit to midnight - you may not circle as often....more turnover of spots. Sat & Sun....forget it 800 block of 2nd and 100 block of Catharine permit regulations allow parking on Sat. from 9:00 pm through Monday morning 10:00 am. I pay for a permit that allows me to park with ease (weekday daytime) at times when I am at work and not in need of the spot. Nights and weekends we are squeezed out.

#139 (300 blk Queen) Change [parking time limit] to 1 hour.

[Parking] nearly impossible. Walk alone at night 1 –3 blocks.....Rare event to park on my block.....Always difficult at night....I am a single female out late for work or socializing and scared to death walking at night alone usually for 1 –3 blocks after circling for 10 – 20 minutes.

#148 (100 blk South) After 3pm [parking is] very difficult = after 6pm almost impossible.

#157 (100 blk Kenilworth) We rarely use our car after 4pm because parking is impossible. We park 10 blocks from our house if lucky. We are moving out of the city....lack of parking is the major reason..

#158 (70x S 6<sup>th</sup>) Parking ins one of the major problems in my area.

#159 (300 blk Monroe) [Parking Friday evenings] impossible; [Saturday evenings] forget it.

#168 (100 blk Pemberton) I think the 2 hr. limit on non-residential parking should be in effect 24/7, not just on weekends or until 10 pm

## **GARAGES**

**Dissatisfaction concerning garages ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the scoring part of the survey (about 3.2). The law preventing owners from parking in front of their garages scored 2.4, some finding this a big problem, others not caring much (which may reflect who is affected by the situation). Three general thoughts predominate.**

- **Garages on the street are undesirable because they transfer a public space to a dedicated homeowner effectively for the purpose of parking.**
- **Garages frequently are not used or have been converted to other space (e.g., living areas, storage) yet still have No Parking.**
- **Parking is not legal in the garage space even by the owner; a permit system is suggested.**

#27 (700 blk S Front) I prefer garage owners to park their 2nd car in front of their garage than to take a spot on the street, but it's not safe when they block the sidewalk.

#42 (100 blk Queen) The garage issue is a mixed bag: a garage takes up one spot, but if they didn't have the garage, they would need to park on the street. Allowing the owners with a garage to "officially" use their garage entrance is a good idea.

#80 (200 blk Fitzwater) Ball House at corner of Passyunk and Fitzwater has no parking sign on old garage door that has since been converted to dining room. Very unneighborly. Some garage owners are too liberal in painting no parking lines on street. Garages in new construction are placed poorly eliminating more parking spaces than necessary.

However, I believe the biggest problem is the number of new garages in the neighborhood and their placement. The garages eliminate on-street parking spaces (for driveways) and make the parking problem worse rather than better. They force homeowners and residents without garages to compete for fewer spaces. They also hurt the character and safety of the neighborhood by moving living spaces off the street. Additionally, in much of the newer construction in the neighborhood, garages are poorly placed eliminating more on-street parking spaces than necessary.

While I would prefer to have a moratorium on all new garages (that eliminate on-street parking spaces) in the neighborhood, that seems like an unfair restriction on property owners. So, I would propose a more appropriate solution for our free-market economy. I'm a hater of taxes, so it pains me to suggest this, but perhaps Garage owners (whose driveways eliminate on-street parking) should be assessed a garage-tax which could be roughly equivalent to the market cost of an off-street parking space (approximately \$1200 per year). For multi-car lots, this could be shared since fewer spaces are eliminated. The money raised through the garage tax could go toward neighborhood beautification, safety, or transportation programs (it should stay in the neighborhood rather than going to the City). This would be a deterrent to new garage construction and would compensate the rest of the Queen Village residents for their loss of parking. It would also help to correct some of the imbalance of the 10-year tax abatement for new construction which is leading to tear-downs of historic properties throughout the neighborhood.

#81 (100 blk Carpenter) I would like QVNA to take a stand against new housing construction that adds garages thus taking up street parking spaces that should be equally available to all.

#82 (location not given) Personal garages are unbelievable. They selfishly eliminate street parking spots! It is so unfair. Can't we stop them from being built?

#84 (200 blk Christian) Outrageous fact: New house built with garage, garage used for other purposes, (come to the 200 block of Christian Street and see planters in front of garages) then homeowners car(s) then obtain permit and park on street OUTRAGEOUS!!!! ....Please see my comment above re homeowners who have garages which they use as background for their planters or to store equipment and then obtain parking permits and take up spots in front of their houses. You cannot imagine how this infuriates residents who have carefully preserved their historic home (without garages). I have a transient mobility problem, I am loathe to get a handicapped spot in front of my house as I know of at least two others on my street with the same mobility issues --but--my patience is wearing thin.

#85 (700 blk S 5<sup>th</sup>) Also, often the garage is located so that two spaces are unavailable. A little adjusting of the no parking anytime would help with this loss.

#103 (100 blk Catharine) Re. o. {Towhouseswith garages eliminate street parking}This is surely not logical! If we did not have a garage, yes there would be an extra spot to park in front of our house BUT I would be trying to park my car there. As it is, it seems to me that there is one less

space but there is also one less car looking for a space(as it is garaged) i.e. no difference!

#127 (800 blk S Hancock) But our community is wonderful because we interact with our neighbors! That decreases when personal garages are in use.

#130 (300 blk Gaskill) New off street parking which accompany new townhouse development should be shifted to rear alleys or lots rather than fronting on streets.

#131 (100 blk Kenilworth) Another problem is the building of houses with garages. Two out of three people who live on Kenilworth Street and have a garage do not use them and most have at least two cars. So we can not park in front of the garage so we lose one space plus the two spaces the garage-owners' cars are taking up. Building houses with a garage doesn't solve anything. It only makes matters worse.

#132 (100 blk Kenilworth) I get a ticket for blocking my own driveway.

The parking authority is not respectful of my own driveway. I get a ticket for blocking my own even with a permit.

We live on the 100 block of Kenilworth Street for 19 years and we have a garage which up until a year ago we could park in front of our own garage (not blocking the curb or sidewalk) when we were unable to find a spot. This is almost always a problem these days what with all of the traffic in queens village. This year we received about 8 parking tickets from one specific parking authority agent: badge #381 District 301. I would even put a sign on my plate stating that I lived here!!!

Now we have to block a spot on the street with our other car taking up a much needed spot that one of our neighbors could be using especially on the weekends when parking is at a premium. We understand that there are laws about blocking driveways BUT NOT YOUR OWN DRIVEWAY!!!! THAT YOU PAY TAXES FOR!!!! (this needs to change to provide more parking for Queen Village residents). In addition if we wander out of town on a Saturday evening we may return to find that our driveway is blocked by a neighborhood permitted car or someone without a permit (with no ticket). After 12 PM there are no parking authority people around. One of us is handicapped and this is a continuing problem for us. Needless to say that the parking authority (or the city) will not tow an illegally parked car out of our driveway.

Our next door neighbor has the same dilemma they lived here for over 16 years with two driveways. In the past they too blocked their own driveways to save parking for their neighbors. They too have received parking tickets from the same employee badge #381. There could be four to five additional parking spots on our end of the block (there are 2 other garages on our street) if this "ridiculous law" (a law that is aimed at targeting our tourist area to raise revenue!!) were eliminated or if badge #381 was informed of this improper conduct. Most but not all have the courtesy to ring the doorbell or if they know the car not ticket.

I might add that when my neighbor confronted badge #381. Without having the courtesy to check on the situation he became obstinate in his duty and proceeded to ticket her regardless. He so much as said "that's not my problem". We pay his salary for godsakes!!! He once ticketed me in my own driveway at 11:59 PM on a Saturday night!!!!!!

The growing parking problem in Queen Village is not going to get any better unless reasonable concessions are made to the people who live here and VOTE HERE!!! Something needs to be done. SOON! We see this as a feasible way to help create more parking in our neighborhood. If we were to count driveways look at how much more parking we could have. Most people with garages have two cars. This won't solve the problem however we are certain it would create more parking for our neighbors our block and the many blocks throughout the neighborhood.

#133 (800 blk S 3<sup>rd</sup>) Thanks for all of your efforts!!! You are doing a great job. I would like to see garage owners be allowed to park in front of their own garages. That just makes sense!

#138 (100 blk Catharine) [Townhouse garages are a] huge problem....New houses with garages park the car on the street as a preference over using the garage. The garage is empty and the spot in front of the garage is empty. Many spaces lost to one residence (100 block Catharine). New construction with garages creating a serious shortage of spots. A larger percentage of street is dedicated to garages.

#144 (300 blk Queen) Would like to park in front of my garage but have been ticketed. Parking in my own driveway allows for one more space for neighbors without a garage.

#156 (700 blk S 2<sup>nd</sup>) garages on 1<sup>st</sup> floor of houses are the curse of the neighborhood. Increased numbers are reducing general parking and are destroying the character of the blocks.

#138 (100 blk Catharine)

# 160 (100 blk Pemberton) Use the garage if you have one. Garages on street are destroying the character of the neighborhood [address given].

### **VISITOR and TEMPORARY PERMIT PARKING**

**Problems with Visitor Parking (and Temporary Parking Permits) by far topped the ranking of problem issues (scoring 3.8). While the Parking Authority has a "Visitor Permit" program, it is very inconvenient.**

**At the same time some residents are against Residential Parking Permits on their block because they feel it would make visitor parking more difficult even though the Residential Permits would reduce "car dumping" by non-residents.**

#33 (location not given) Two hour time limit is too short; should be three for visitors. How else can you wait for a seat, eat drink and stroll?

#42 (100 blk Queen) Being able to obtain a visitors permit only during weekday "working" hours is an issue. For longer term visitors, who are not using their car, we do use the paid lots at Headhouse.

#51 (52X Fitzwater) Friends and family don't want to visit because of poor parking alternatives.

#57 (82x S 5<sup>th</sup>) Lack of overnight non-resident parking [is a problem]....Cars with permits parking in spaces for non-residents when there is plenty of permit parking open. ....My block does not require permits, and we like it that way. We like to have overnight visitors that can use those spaces and many of the renters are students and not official residents of the city, so they can't get a permit. Other blocks with residents that would like for their friends and family to visit for more than 2 hours should consider doing away with 2 hr parking.

#72 (76x S 3<sup>rd</sup>) Finally, how about a guest parking pass that residents could purchase- one to a household, which could be given to guests to put in the car for the duration of their visit. Granted it would only be for one vehicle worth of visitors, but it would make the parking situation more friendly for the guests of residents.

#110 (74x S Front) [I] frequently rent a car for business, and there is no way to obtain a parking permit for my car because it is a different car every time. I would be happy to purchase visitor

parking permits for my area if they existed. 10 packs of 1 day (24 hr) parking permits to put on my windshield would be wonderful.

#122 (3re & Monroe) We don't personally have issues parking because of our lot space which is very convenient and close. However our visiting friends have a very difficult time finding parking especially overnight or for more than a few hours. Can we get visitor to residents parking passes?

#124 (100 blk Queen) My significant other visits in every other weekend. I wish there were a way for him to have a parking permit.

#134 (900 blk S 6<sup>th</sup>) Unlimited parking is available south of Carpenter. But restricted parking evenings is bad for visitors.

#138 (100 blk Catharine) I pay for a permit that allows me to park with ease (weekday daytime) at times when I am at work and not in need of the spot. Nights and weekends we are squeezed out.

#144 (300 blk Queen) Could visitors have a temporary sticker to park on block or in front of my garage?

#145 (102x E Moyamensing) Love fact that we don't have permit parking on our block. Family and friends can park with no issues of watching around the clock.

#147 (130x Carpenter) The change in time does not allow for guest to come at any time. Our daughter got a ticket even though she move her car.

#149 (200 blk Catharine) Our biggest problem is finding a space for guests – at least during the day. Guests should be able to stay longer than 2 hours using a pass of some sort available through the village neighbors association.

#158 (70x S 6<sup>th</sup>) It is hard for visitors to park at my residence. South Street parking eliminates all the spaces. Since I don't have a vehicle I should be able to have a visitor parking sticker. Parking ins one of the major problems in my area.

#168 (100 blk Pemberton) I also think it would be helpful to have a parking placard which could be given to guests who come to visit so that they do not get tickets. My sister-in-law lives in DC in a neighborhood with residential parking permits but each household also gets 1 placard that can be used by visitors.

### **RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING**

**Most blocks in Queen Village have Residential Permit Parking.....allowing residents with permits to park on-street during “No Parking” times indicated on street signage. However, a number of blocks do not have permit parking, particularly on the south side of QV where lack of permit parking is the rule.**

**The benefit of permit parking is a reduction in non-residential parking during the posted hours. The “standard” times are: “No Parking (without permit) 8:30am – 6:30pm Monday – Wednesday and 8:30 am –12 midnight Thursday – Saturday”. (However, there are a number of variations of this; the Parking Committee has done a block survey for signage and is working to understand the purpose of the variations as well as the impact of the posted times.)**

**Problems associated with Residential Parking Permits scored low (good) for the two issues presented: “Enforcement“ scored 1.9 and “Lack of Permit Parking On a Block” scored 1.3. However, as indicated above under “Visitor and Temporary Permit Parking” Residential Permit Parking in combination with an inconvenient Temporary Permit program creates a significant problem....leading (many?) residents to oppose extend Residential Permit Parking to other blocks.**

#13 (400 blk Catharine) Expanded Permit Parking time periods (with uniform hours, e.g., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. everywhere) and locations, combined with continuous enforcement of those regulations (i.e., not just 9 to 5) will be the SINGLE most efficient way to solve problem.

#25 (300 blk Queen) Can’s park on the 400 block of Queen due to poor enforcement and protection from vandalism on block. The 400 block of Queen St. is the worst in the area in terms of poor enforcement and protection from vandalization. [*The 400 block of Queen does not have Residential Permit parking.*]

#46 (10xx Moyamensing) Individuals w/cars who live way outside of this block “drop off” their vehicles here for long term parking.

#67 (location not given) Why do some meters have Zone 7 [Residential Permit Parking] and on the opposite side of the street no zone parking at meters? (3rd St, south of South St.).

#103 (100 blk Catharine) For every household, I would suggest one street parking permit should be allocated free of charge(the current fee being nominal as it is), however if a household required a second permit then a more prohibitive fee should be charged i.e. something equivalent to the annual fee at the local parking lot. Hopefully, this may encourage two-car households to use the QVNA lot rather than take their chances searching for a street space every evening for a similar cost.

#116 (200 blk Fitzwater) The city is taking away unlimited parking area (Front St. between Christian & Washington). We need more unlimited parking areas for both owner (but non-residents) and visitors.

#126 (500 blk Christian) All streets should have permit parking

#137 (300 blk Monroe) The 300 block of Monroe Street has unlimited parking for everyone. There are no time limits or residential permits. Therefore, it is often full with out of state or suburban cars. It should be limited similar to other blocks in Queen Village.

#139 (300 blk Queen) [Lack of permit parking]: 400 Queen, 300 Catharine, 800 S 4<sup>th</sup>, Christian.

### **PROBLEMS WITH BUSINESSES OR SCHOOLS AT VARIOUS TIMES & DAYS**

**This category was 6<sup>th</sup> in the ranking (“Business Patrons Using Spaces” scored about 2.9, “ok” but just below “bad”). A possible solution “Not Enough Metered Parking” scored low at 1.5 indicating that not many felt more meters are needed. Three or four locations received specific adverse comment.**

#18 (75x S Front) Alexander’s [Frederick’s ?] Rest[aurant] uses parking and blocks street every day and night. Alexander’s does not use Valet parking area as designed but uses the street therefore blocking traffic (noise and angry drivers). As noted above, Alexander’s uses parking, blocks street. This occurs at lunch (11to 3, then again at dinner from about 4:30 - 2AM. The only day this does not happen is on Mon. when it is closed. Some of this problem is due to their misuse of the Valet parking area allowed.

#29 (75x S 5<sup>th</sup>) Some parking rules make no sense (No parking around schools....) Patrons of the Gym take up all the spots around Fitz & 5th on weekday evenings. Signs could be reevaluated.

#56 (100 blk Monroe) Valet parking from restaurants use locals's parking spots.

#57 (82x S 5<sup>th</sup>) Settlement School doesn't have enough parking or it isn't being used. Suburban parents are bad parkers and frequently take up more than 1 space. They have events 7 days per week.....Settlement school drivers do not observe pedestrian laws and frequently don't stop at stop sign (5th & Queen). The school doesn't have enough parking and during school hours and events, it is impossible to find a space, especially for non-residents.

#87 (75x E Passyunk) It is something of an outrage that the block of 5th/E. Passyunk where Krongolds Furniture/ Ritt's bakery/all the way to the Thai restaurant does not have meters and does not have clearly marked 2 hour Parking Signs. They hardly ever ticket anyone there. I know why the businesses don't want meters. The question is what gives them the right to do this? It means that residents park for days in front of these stores and (paradoxically) it means that shoppers park in the 700 blk of E. Passyunk.

#89 (100 blk Fitzwater) Frederick park[s] cars in the street blocking spaces and Fitzwater Street.

#94 (500 blk Kaufman) Also, Goldberg's clothing store at 6th and Queen does not allow parking in front of the store at all, supposedly because they use that for their customers. However, it should be available for neighbors to park in the evenings when the store is closed. The signs should be changed.

#121 (70x E Passyunk) Generally, Club Sweat and South Street make parking difficult on evenings and weekends.

#131 (100 blk Kenilworth) I think we've lost a lot of wonderful neighbors because of the problem of parking. Years back the neighborhood truly belonged to the residents. Now I believe it belongs more to the people who visit Queen Village. They come to the restaurants and in some instances their cars are valet parked. Where? On the streets of Queen Village and I know this for a fact because a co-worker of mine came to a restaurant had his car valet parked and received a ticket which the restaurant took. Residents' cars are not valet parked. We drive around and around or wait for forever for someone to leave so we can park. Ideally the neighborhood should belong to the residents and their family and friends.

#152 (100 blk Fitzwater) [Parking] depends on what happens at Fredericks's (Front and Fitzwater)

#138 (100 blk Catharine) [More metered parking] wouldn't make a difference....Businesses which used to permit evening parking in driveways no longer permit it (100 block Catharine). The business is closed in the evening and at least four spots remain wide open.

#161 (400 BLK Fitzwater) No Parking During School Hours is unclear – no hours are posted. What [does] it mean....for teachers meetings – summer school – half days etc.

### **POORLY PLACED, OBSOLETE or INAPPROPRIATE SIGNS**

**This category ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the survey of parking difficulties, scoring 3.0 for Poor Parking Sign Placement” and 2.6 for “Unclear Signs”. Several specific locations were identified for potential improvement. The committee has discussed this general issue with the PPA.**

#20 (400 blk Fulton) Poorly placed signs throughout the neighborhood eliminate valid parking spaces. Examples: on the Northwest corner of 5th and Catharine St on 5th Street; on Fitzwater Street b/w 4th & 5th between garages.

#51 (52x Fitzwater) Random signs for Saturday street cleaning are posed, when street cleaning is actually on Thursday.

#60 (location not given) Space in front of St. Stanislaus church on Fitzwater between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> should be available for use when church services are not in session without being ticketed.....Old bus stops are still marked No Parking when the 57 bus has not stopped at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fitzwater for at least 10 years.

#72 (76x S 3<sup>rd</sup>) There are a lot of No Parking signs that are not necessary- for example, the church on Fitz between 2nd and 3rd has a no parking sign that eliminates at least three spots- why is this necessary when the church has such a large lot? Also, on the northeast corner of 2nd and Fitz, parking should be allowed to the crosswalk, as 2nd goes south and no one will be needing that curb space for a turn.

No parking at bus stops is a waste- Septa drivers never pull over to the curb- taking away this prohibition could add at least three spots on the corner of 3rd and Fitz.

#80 (200 blk Fitzwater) Several spaces on S 2<sup>nd</sup> between Monroe and Queen are marked No Parking for commercial businesses that no longer exist.....There are a number of poorly placed parking signs in the neighborhood that eliminate 'good' parking spaces. Additionally, there are a number of spaces that were previously designated as 'no-parking' or 'loading zones' for commercial businesses (or churches) that are no longer operating or don't regularly use the spaces. Repositioning or updating the signage could create a number of new spaces.

#85 (700 blk S 5<sup>th</sup>) There is an inconsistency in the marking of corners. The law says you need 20ft. to the corner with no parking. Every street corner is marked differently. We need a complete redo of signs and street lines. It would make sense to have a 10/15 ft. clear area for streets that you turn into but across from that area, you should be able to park maybe up to 5 ft. from the corner. Fire hydrant should be placed in the no parking zone at the corner.

#94 (500 blk Kaufman) There are a number of places on the 500 block of Queen Street that could be utilized for parking if the signs were moved.

#100 (no location given) Would like to recommend a parking signage survey for out-of-date signage i.e. "loading zones", "no parking any time", "bus zones" (which don't exist anymore) etc.

#161 (400 BLK Fitzwater) Too many signs on every street that control parking. The signs are ugly.

## **POOR ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING REGULATIONS**

**The ranking of issues found that lack of enforcement was not an highly important issue. "Parking Regulations Not Enforced" scored 2.1 while "Permit Parking Not Enforced" scored about 1.9 and "Ticketed Despite Parking Permit" scored 1.8. Nevertheless, some specific problems are recounted below.**

#15 (300 blk Fitzwater) People park in my driveway blocking my garage.....people park in my driveway all the time.

#23 (400 blk Fulton) PPA needs to ticket people who simply park their cars on the sidewalks near their homes for extended periods of time.

#25 (300 blk Queen) Car's park on the 400 block of Queen due to poor enforcement and protection from vandalism on block. The 400 block of Queen St. is the worst in the area in terms of poor enforcement and protection from vandalization. [This block does not have Residential Permit Parking.]

#33 (location not given) Poor PPA enforcement on the 300 block of Kaufman street. Always a violator there. The sign needs to be changed from "No parking on this street" to "No parking at any time."

#60 (location not given) Parking authority people go home at midnight. Bars and restaurants close after that. Ticketed cars without permits parked after midnight should be towed!

#67 (no location given) One other issue I forgot to mention. I have had problems with people parking on the street in front of my garage, so that I can't get my car out. I've had to call police now, 3 times. What are my options?

#115 (100 blk Catharine) There should be no parking on sidewalks.

#123 (700 blk S 3<sup>rd</sup>) But even with permit you still get a ticket. There is no parking in QV. You are forced to walk miles to find a spot.

#137 (300 blk Monroe) Parking Authority tickets people for everything and anything. Overzealous.

#146 (1000 blk E Moyamensing) Boat parked on street.

### **QV LOT UNDER I-95**

**Despite efforts by the QVNA Board, several comments were critical of the QVNA lot (too costly, location, car damage, desire for occasional use). The following information provides background and current status of the lot.**

**After several years of QVNA Board effort, QVNA established the community parking lot on Christine St. under I-95 in 2003 to address community complaints about lack of parking. The project was made possible by a \$100,000 grant obtained through State Representative Marie Lederer. The grant covered the purchase of equipment (gate mechanism and swipe card system) and provided the funds for the first two years of operating and leasing the site.**

**Parkway Management manages the site and QVNA leases the site from the Interstate Land Management Corporation (ILMC), the state agency that manages the land under I-95. (QVNA leases the site at a non-profit rate].)**

**The lot has 90 spaces, of which around 60 are presently rented. After nearly two years of operation QVNA is now making a modest profit after payment for lot operations and rental. This income goes to paying for other QVNA initiatives (e.g., funding small beatification projects and the like) and provides income for the long-term viability of the QVNA. As long as spaces are available, individuals can make arrangements for parking for guests to a party or other event. And, QVNA coordinates the use of additional unfenced space for neighborhood groups like St. Philip Neri Church or Old Swede's Church.**

#12 (300 blk Queen) Why do Queen Village residents have to pay to park under I-95 when residents of South Philadelphia are allowed to park under I-95 for free?

#27 (700 blk S Front) Also, I would gladly park in a paid lot if one were closer to my house.

#42 (100 blk Queen) Parking is a little easier near Front: I park under the bridge, Front has areas with residences on one side, I use the lots north of Fredrick, & I am closer to the QV lot. (So, I should have less to complain about)

#56 (100 blk Monroe) Would love to see us offer free parking at QVNA lot for I-t parking for those who only use their cars every month or so (seem to be a lot of folks) - this would free up parking for those who need their cars frequently.

#70 (no location given) It seems to me that the \$75/month fee for the QVNA lot is overpriced for the value (not secure) and location.

#73 100 blk Carpenter) I pay to park my car in the QVNA parking lot and have witnessed other cars vandalized recently in the lot, including someone having their windshield smashed in with a brick paver. Also, many kids seem to loiter in or near the lot underneath I-95. I have witnessed little league players practicing on the grassy area near the lot hit people's car with their baseballs. There often seems to be broken bottles and glass in the parking lot most of the time. Considering that we pay to keep the car there and are at least doing something to keep our car off the street and making more room for others to park, it seems that the parking lot should be more secure and better maintained!

#103 (100 blk Catharine) For every household, I would suggest one street parking permit should be allocated free of charge(the current fee being nominal as it is), however if a household required a second permit then a more prohibitive fee should be charged i.e. something equivalent to the annual fee at the local parking lot. Hopefully, this may encourage two-car households to use the QVNA lot rather than take their chances searching for a street space every evening for a similar cost.

#127 (80x S Hancock) We should have more parking lot space under 95 for guests! Also for the residents.

#168 100 blk Pemberton) Also, it could be helpful if the QVNA lot on Christian St. used a hang tag system so that the parking spaces could be transferable to more than one car in a household. Requiring the hangtag would also prevent abuse, because if you only have one hangtag, it could only be used for one car at a time and would prevent parking more than one car in the lot at a time.

### **PARKING IS NOT A PROBLEM**

#### **Some feel that parking is not a particular problem.**

#4 (Hanson Sq. – 73x S 3<sup>rd</sup>) I feel that there is a good mixture of resident and non-resident parking in the area. I feel the current rules benefit all involved. However, I appreciate the QVNA taking the time to look into this issue.

#5 (200 blk Queen) None is a problem as I have a dedicated off-street parking place in my dwelling.

#38 (200 blk Queen) Parking in QV is much easier than in other neighborhoods (Wash West, Rittenhouse, Fairmount). Nota big issue.

#130 (300 blk Gaskill) [Parking is] actually very easy with several loops.

## **PARKING ALTERNATIVES (LOTS and OTHER)**

**The survey ranking indicated some desire for paid lots. “Lack of Short-term/Daily Parking Lots scored 2.6 while Lack of Long-term Paid Parking scored 2.1.**

#12 (300 blk Queen) Is it possible to draw lines for angled parking on the street and assign one space per house?

#27 (700 blk S Front) Also, I would gladly park in a paid lot if one were closer to my house.

#35 (74x S 5<sup>th</sup>) Parking should be allowed on ..... that border Weccocoe Playground [Leithgow and Lawrence between Catharine and Queen]. When they started ticketing that area excessively they basically eliminated all those spaces for local residents. Tourists in the neighborhood never parked on those streets anyway. It USED to be the only place you could park on a Friday night. These 2 streets should be for #7 stickered cars ONLY. The streets are only 1 block long. Who is this really effecting anyway? [Parking on these streets is possible only by parking on the sidewalk along the playground perimeter fence. The “No Parking” was not enforced for a long time until about a year ago.]

#69 (30x Fitzwater) Delineated parking spots for all cars for permit parking blocks would help a lot with wasted curb space.

#70 (no location given) Most of the time I walk, use the bus or ride my bike; I do own a car however.

#127 (80x S Hancock) There are many lots west of Broad St. in buildings. Maybe we could do that too.

#129 (200 blk Bainbridge) How about a free or reasonably priced municipal lot for residents with parking permits only? Maybe with some kind of smart card that limits you to for example 5 times per month. Not meant as a continuous parking spot.

#131 (100 blk Kenilworth) Why not build parking lots on Columbus Blvd. and run shuttle busses to Queen Village to bring people to restaurants and charge the restaurants. Why should residents have to spend \$75 a month to park on a community lot when we live here (and pay hefty taxes) while a visitor has his car valet parked and pays a nominal fee or parks on the streets of Queen Village for nothing.

#138 (100 blk Catharine) People would continue to seek on street “free” parking even if more [paid] lots were available.

#139 (300 blk Queen) Utilize parking lot on Christine for businesses....maybe valet (i.e. Dimitris, New Wave, Fabric Row).

## **STREET CLEANING**

**In retrospect, the survey question concerning street sweeping (Street Cleaners Don’t Adhere To Schedule” was too limited and ill focused to give meaningful results. The following comments show frustration mostly with the ineffectiveness of cleaning.**

#8 (700 blk 2<sup>nd</sup>) Street Cleaning signs not posted.

#30 (70x S 3<sup>rd</sup>) Many of the local neighborhoods (Society Hill, Pennsport) have done away with street cleaning. The cleaners are ineffective at picking up debris and it causes serious parking issues on street cleaning days: i.e. no available parking!!!!

#49 (82x S Swanson) We have no street cleaning.

#87 (75x E Passyunk) The street never gets swept.

#112 (400 blk Fitzwater) Street cleaning mostly ineffective (moves trash around but does not remove it). However-revenue to city from ticketed cars seems prime motive for the program. Should be eliminated and this kind of ticketing should be stopped.

#162 (70x S American) We need more signage about street cleaning and the street needs to be cleaned at the time posted.

### **PEOPLE “SAVING” SPACES**

**This issue was not included in the ranking survey. Nevertheless, comments are heated. Perhaps another way to gage the feeling is to look at the score for “Poorly Parked Cars”; that category was 2<sup>nd</sup> highest at a score of 3.2.**

#27 (700 blk S Front) Finally, we all have difficulty finding parking - why do some homeowners consistently "save" spots with chairs or cones?? Wouldn't we all like to save spots?

#59 (no location given) Some residents on some blocks believe the city issued permits are for particular spaces and/or only for residents on certain blocks and antagonize others who legally park there.

#138 (100 blk Catharine) It would be nice if people realized that living in the city is about sharing space, not blocking it off. I've been a city resident all my life.

### **POORLY SPACED CARS**

**“Poorly Parked Cars” scored second highest (3.2) in parking problems.**

#69 (300 blk Fitzwater) Delineated parking spots for all cars for permit parking blocks would help a lot with wasted curb space.

#136 (700 blk S 2<sup>nd</sup>) Tickets [should?] go to people who leave x feet up to sign post and waste parking space....just like tickets given for parking too close to curb. Permit holders should be given some break if half their car goes past the posted sign. Three cars can fit in an area near my home. Most do not pull up far enough in front; second car does not pull up close enough to 1st car....not enuf room for 3rd.

#139 (300 blk Queen) [Poorly parked cars] always a problem. Pain t lines for cars. I've had to tell visitors (non-residential strangers) to re-park.

### **ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION**

**“Poor Alternatives To Owning a Car in QV” scored rather low (2.1) indicating that this is not seen as either a large problem or, correspondingly, a robust solution to parking problems. Walking, biking, busing and Philly CarShare were mentioned.**

#70 (location not given) Most of the time I walk, use the bus or ride my bike; I do own a car however.

#115 (100 blk Catharine) We also use Philly CarShare. Philly CarShare is terrific.

#150 (800 blk Queen) bus/subway, cab, walk, bike, rent cars

### **OTHER COMMENTS ON THE PARKING SITUATION**

#27 (700 blk S Front) All of the construction activity in the area takes up additional spots which makes parking more difficult - is there a limit on the amount of days you can put a dumpster out? (as an incentive to finish the work quickly)

#42 (100 blk Queen) Parking is a little easier near Front St.: I park under the bridge. Front has areas with residences on one side. I use the lots north of Frederick, & am closer to the QV lot. (So, I should have less to complain about.)

#51 (500 blk Fitzwater) With all the money I wasted on parking tickets, I could probably buy a buy a new car. Because of the parking problems in this area, I am starting to consider other places to live.

# 56 (100 blk Monroe) People who don't use car often parked in prime spots – could use long term parking lot if free.

#119 (100 blk League) I would like for the 100 Block of League St to be a one way. It causes a lot of confusion and frustration One way from Front to Second

#158 (70x S 6<sup>th</sup>) One of the worst things about living in Queen Village is the parking. South Street visitors take up the space – are loud – throw trash and don't appear to be buying anything or supporting local business.

### **COMMENTS ON THE SURVEY and VOLUNTEERING**

# 12 (300 blk Queen) I volunteered to be on the transportation committee and I receive notices of meetings. I will try to attend in the future.

#60 (no location given) I put my name and phone number on the list for the parking committee LAST YEAR. Nobody has called me! [*Uh. We're a little slow. We will call!*]

#81 (100 blk Carpenter) My name is [deleted] and I starting filling this out as a test to see if this survey can be filled out more than once by the same person and thus skew results. [*It was possible to do this. However, the data indicate that it was not done.....unless a couple of the "no location given" respondents submitted randomly different answers.*]