

## **Reston Parking Issues**

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**Reston cannot lose by providing parking and can lose heavily by not providing parking.**

- **Reston wants to provide living accommodations that are attractive to people and parking is a large part of that.**
- **Income is a major factor on what drives people's needs. For example, they might buy efficiency when they want two bedrooms.**
- **People want cars. Sometimes they don't have the income or live in cities. In cities they have to be able to afford a parking space and own a vehicle. Sometimes they can get along without cars but still want cars. I have a friend whose two gen y offspring live in DC and walk many places but each has a car.**
- **People want the convenience of driving a car. They want to go to meetings, shopping, and ball games. They want to get there in a timely fashion. Public transportation to outlying areas can be time consuming and is often not available.**
- **In terms of parking we want gen y to be able to stay in their condos. I have friends who have gen y sons and daughters who now have children and now have cars because they need to drive babies to daycare. Situations**

**change and we don't want them to be forced to leave Reston.**

- People want friends to visit. They need to have visitor parking available in condos.**
- Real estate agents have told me they have trouble selling condos which don't have adequate parking.**
- Scott Homa at the presentation on Trends in the Office Market stated that parking is what companies want. I agree and add that parking is what future residents want. I repeat that we cannot lose if we have enough parking and stand to lose heavily if we don't have enough.**
- Maybe not today, but I would like to have a vote on this before we finish phase 1. Preferably this would be after a scheduled discussion.**

**We cannot go back. We cannot fix a parking shortage if we are wrong. No one has refused to purchase a real estate property because there was too much parking.**