Portland’s Area Parking Permit Program (APPP) is designed to help people who live or work in non-metered areas by controlling commuter parking in their neighborhood. Visitors to the neighborhood may park for a limited time, residents and businesses may purchase permits that allow them to exceed visitor parking time limits.

SGNA attempted to establish a parking permit district for the neighborhood a decade or more ago. A vote was held but the formation was narrowly defeated. Had it passed all of SGN from 15th Ave to 28th Ave would have been regulated with visitor parking limited but residents and employees working in the area would have been able to park during regulated hours with a permit.

Jay Rogers manages the City’s area parking permit program (APPP). The process for an area to be considered for an APPP is as follows.

- The proposed area must be at least 40 block-faces, or 10 square block or 8000’ linear feet of curb space. (Note: SGNA west of 21st Ave is large enough to qualify).
- The area must be 75% occupied and at least 25% occupied with commuter parking. (Note: the City verifies compliance with this requirement)
- To start the process, the City must receive a community-initiated petition with signatures representing at 50% of the affected addresses.
- The City will conduct a vote to start an APPP if the area meets the criteria.
- A ballot is sent to all affected addresses and 50% of the ballots must be returned with a 60% yes vote to pass.
- City Council must approve APPP.
- Once established adjacent blocks can be included to an APPP with majority consent (i.e. a vote of the entire district is not required).

Here is the link to the APPP code.

Questions:
- Should the LUTC recommend exploration of this solution in SGNA?
- What should the District’s geography initially look like?
- Is someone interested in leading this effort?