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Mayor Steve Noble requests volunteers to join parking work group; Community members encouraged to apply

(*Kingston*, *N.Y.*) In an effort to develop additional community-based solutions to parking issues in the City of Kingston and, more broadly, to gain public input into long term parking plans and strategies, Mayor Steve Noble is pleased to establish a work group to address these issues.

"Over the past year, my administration has worked tirelessly to research various strategies to improve and expand parking infrastructure, identify opportunities to make parking more convenient, and develop plans to sustain our current parking infrastructure without increasing the burden on local taxpayers," said Mayor Noble. "While we have made great progress on this issue by shifting closer towards a user-based fee system, this is a difficult issue, one which we all recognize will not be resolved overnight. Instead, it will take the time, energy and creativity of an entire community to establish long term goals and strategies that work best for our city."

The workgroup will be comprised of the following: two (2) community members from Uptown, two from Midtown and two from Downtown; two Common Council members; the City Comptroller; and the Mayor and/or his designee. Applicants who live, work, own a business or own property in the City of Kingston are strongly encouraged to apply.

The workgroup will be tasked with discussing the short term and long term options for improving the availability of parking, evaluating the use and efficiency of current parking infrastructure, researching and reviewing options to improve and maintain off-street lots and other parking infrastructure without adding a burden to taxpayers, and offering recommendations to be considered by the Mayor and Common Council with respect to proposed changes to the City's parking management system.

Applications can be found at www.kingston-ny.gov, can be picked up at the Mayor's office at City Hall, 420 Broadway, or requested by e-mail from ltimbrouck@kingston-ny.gov. Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 10th.

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