

Finally. A use for the W. 15th St. parking lot. Trailer and other storage.

After about nine years, the generally empty, asphalt-paved parking lot that the City gave to the Old West Museum, may have found a purpose.

For years, the lot has sat basically unused even though a shuttle service was once offered to take parkers from the lot throughout the downtown. The only time a few people parked there was when the equally unused and unnecessary parking garage was being built. Other than a period of time when maybe a dozen cars could be found on the three block long paved parking lot, it has sat virtually empty.

When another of bad decision had to be corrected before pedestrians broke their

necks instead of their ankles and the pavers placed all over the downtown by kids from Kansas were removed, those pavers were piled on pallets and those pallets were put at the far west end of the 15th St. parking lot.

Those pavers, still in good shape and only removed because they were unprofessionally placed and unsafe are steadily disappearing. It is possible, while unlikely, that the City is using them somewhere else. More likely, residents who have driven down 15th St. over the past few years noticed that the pavers were unprotected and several new patios and walkways have been built with those brick pavers. Pavers that remain are toppled

off the pallets for the most part and lay in shambles - almost begging to be taken.

In the late 1990's, the parking lot was dirt. No one used it. After it was paved with asphalt in 2001, still no one uses it.

On a radio debate ten years ago about the wisdom (my position was that no one would use it) of paving the lot, I got my opponent, who had a downtown business just a few blocks from that lot, to admit he would not use it. The problem with a paved lot at that location is that there are no employers close enough to need the parking for employees and no customers who will park that far away from the nearest businesses - on W. Lincolnway.

If someone wanted to enter into a monthly lease - at whatever price would be charged - there is no signage that tells them who to contact. There is also no signage that warns people parking there without paying that they'll be towed.

This lot is an extension of the poor decisions made by the previous city administration. To allow a company that is trying to sell its own building to park multiple trailers on the parking lot is the final admission of defeat. This lot has no productive purpose. In spite of several downtown streets being torn up, no one will park by the railroad tracks and walk to either their place of employment or to do business with downtown merchants.

W. 15th St. Parking lot
 Friday February 12, 2010 3:30 pm
 Five (5) Cash - Wa Distributing trailers
 One (1) CWD van
 One (1) Spiegelberg dump truck
 Two (2) pick-ups
 Three (3) Storage boxes
 One (1) fenced area
 Hundreds of used pavers from downtown sidewalks





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