

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: February 12, 2008

TITLE: Work Session on Downtown Parking

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. UNC-DCRP Parking study overview B. UNC-DCRP Parking study update and draft business survey C. Summary of discussion form Board Retreat D. Email from Patrick McDonough E. Map of potential Town lot location	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger, Transportation Planner – 918-7329 James Harris, Comm. & Economic Development Director – 918-7319

PURPOSE

At the January 22, 2008 public hearing for the Roberson Square CUP the Board of Aldermen requested a work session on downtown parking for February 12th. This item serves to frame that discussion. Items directly related to the Roberson Square project will be included as part of the discussion at the continuation of the public hearing on February 26th.

INFORMATION

On January 28, 2008 – at the Board of Aldermen retreat – staff gave a brief overview of the downtown parking study currently underway. This study is being conducted by a group of Master's students in the department of City and Regional Planning at UNC-Chapel Hill. **Attachment A** provides an overview of the project and **Attachment B** is a draft of the business survey, which is also being reviewed by the ESC. In addition, several points of discussion were brought up the retreat; **Attachment C** provides a summary of the discussion.

On January 27, 2008, Patrick McDonough (a citizen of Carrboro) sent an email to the Board of Aldermen with several downtown parking topics for consideration. **Attachment D** includes Mr. McDonough's comments.

The Town has been seeking opportunities to provide additional surface parking in the downtown. **Attachment E** provides a conceptual design of a possible configuration for a new Town lot located on the Browning property, behind the KFC.

FISCAL and STAFF IMPACTS

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this works session item.

Staff from the Planning and Community & Economic Development departments will be spending approximately 10-15 hours per week on the parking study, through the beginning of April.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board provide feedback on the parking survey.