BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: April 15, 2008

TITLE: Report on the UNC-Department of City and Regional Planning Workshop Parking Study

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO _ X
ATTACHMENTS:	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
A. Resolution	Adena Messinger – 918-7329
B. Course description	James Harris – 918-7319
C. Parking Study Executive Summary	
D. Presentation Power Point	

PURPOSE

Students in UNC's Department of City and Regional Planning have studied the supply and demand of parking in Downtown Carrboro. They have prepared a report of their study for presentation to the Board of Aldermen. Staff recommends that the Board receive the report and provide comments.

INFORMATION

In the fall of 2007, Carrboro staff presented several workshop topics to students from the Department of City and Regional Planning at UNC-Chapel Hill. The students selected "Carrboro downtown parking" as their topic for the Spring 2008 workshop course 823. The scope of the project was:

- To examine parking demand and supply in downtown Carrboro to support the future development of a parking plan, and
- Make recommendations to planning staff and elected officials.

A full description of the course is provided in Attachment B.

The complete findings from their study will be compiled in a final report, due by the end of April. The executive summary from this report is included in Attachment C.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF IMPACT

The Board of Aldermen may choose to refer the study to staff for evaluation. An evaluation of the study would include identifying additional data needs, determining staff resources and other costs needed to prepare a plan, and developing a schedule to do so.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The town staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive the parking study report (Attachment A).