

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2009

TITLE: Downtown Parking Plan Update

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO _ X
ATTACHMENTS: A. Downtown Parking chronology B. Spring 2008 Parking Study summary C. ESC recommendations for moving forward with a parking plan	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger – 918-7329 James Harris – 918-7319

PURPOSE

At the conclusion of the April 15, 2008 parking study presentation, staff was directed to evaluate the study for further action recommendations. Staff has been working with the Economic Sustainability Commission on short and long term recommendations for downtown parking. This item serves to update the Board of Aldermen on the ESC recommendations.

INFORMATION

Over the years, the Town has completed several downtown parking studies; the most recent of which was a supply and demand study conducted by students at the Department of City and Regional Planning at UNC-Chapel Hill in the spring of 2008 (see attachment A for a chronology of downtown parking studies and actions). The key findings and preliminary recommendations from the spring 2008 study are provided in Attachment B.

As a follow up to the parking study presentation on April 15, 2008, Town staff and the Economic and Sustainability Commission have reviewed the collection of studies and are providing recommendations, for consideration by the Board of Aldermen, for developing both a short-term and a long-term plan for parking in downtown Carrboro. Attachment C includes the ESC recommendation.

Should the Board direct staff to move forward, the next step would be to identify costs (both dollars and staff time) associated with the short-term strategies as well as the cost of developing a long-term plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving the report. The fiscal impacts associated with moving forward with the recommendation for a parking plan are to be determined, pending the Board of Aldermen's direction.

STAFF IMPACT

There is no staff impact associated with receiving the report. The Transportation Planner and Comm. & Economic Development Director will be leading this effort. The ability to move

forward with the short-term strategies and preparing a plan will depend on staff workload and the priority which the Board places on this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive the parking follow up report and, if it so desires, provide feedback on next steps.