



Residential Parking Public Input Session
Kids Creek Commons and Slabtown Neighborhood
Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Ave 2nd Floor
Thursday, April 14, 2016 6:00 PM
Minutes

1. Attendees: 810 letters were mailed to the property owners of Kids Creek Commons and Slabtown Neighborhood of which 16 attended the meeting representing N Cedar, S Cedar, 7th/Elmwood, Randolph, Bay, and Madison Streets.
2. Introductions
 - a. Nicole VanNess and Mike Helferich of Traverse City Parking Services, and John Serratelli, Planning Commission Chair
 - b. Agreement between City of Traverse City and Downtown Development Authority to Manage and Operate Traverse City Parking Services.
3. Presentation on History
 - a. Residential Parking Permits
 - i. 2001-2014 Residential permit pilots initiated and ranged from 90 days to 6 months. All pilots extended and exceeded pilot timeframe.
 - ii. Requests and requirements for pilots:
 1. A resident from a block would send a request to the City Manager's Office or Traffic Committee.
 2. City Manager's Office and City Engineering would survey property owners of the block for their input.
 3. Survey results of 51% in favor would determine interest. A temporary Traffic Control Order (TCO) would be issued, and completed permit applications allowed up to 2 permits per property.
 - iii. May 2015 City Commission chose to take no action on the recommendations for a permanent residential permit parking program.
 - b. Planning Commission, Parking Subcommittee
 - i. Meetings held in 2015
 - ii. Topics considered included: Residential parking, Spillover parking, Overnight parking, Park and ride programs, Parking requirements
 - c. Neighborhood Association Meetings
 - i. Staff determined the need to hold public input sessions to gather feedback before proposing new recommendations back to City Commission for parking related to residential areas.
 - ii. Hold initial Association meetings, Gather public input, Survey, Anticipate follow-up or additional input sessions. All meetings will be complete by the end of April.
 - iii. No defined timeline for new recommendations or proposals
4. Discussion: Group Breakout Activity
 - a. What are the top 3 parking issues specific to your block/zone/area?
 - i. Available parking (1)



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- ii. Tree lawn parking- in favor- no driveway, no alley – (1)
 - iii. Safety for Tree lawn parking- keep road wide/safe/festival/congestion – (1)
 - iv. RV's, tour bus, boats on Bay Street –(2)
 - v. Lack of enforcement – (1)
 - vi. Tree lawn parking (w/ alley access) – Not in favor – (2)
 - vii. Overnight parking enforcement (5)
 - viii. Church, school, and Munson overflow – (1)
 - ix. Rentals- lack of parking spaces per unit – (1)
 - x. Speed/Safety – (2)
- b. What are the top 3 contributing factors to parking issues specific to your block/zone/area?
- i. Employees (1)
 - ii. No driveway, No alley – (1)
 - iii. Festival – (1)
 - iv. Cut through – (2)
 - v. New School Grade School – (1)
 - vi. No curbs – (1)
 - vii. Not enough parking for size of dwelling – (2)
 - viii. Munson – (1)
5. Closing Comments:
- a. Residents
- i. Boat motors and bus/motorhome generators running into the evening after dark
 - ii. Tree lawn parking blocking “bike lane area”
 - iii. Very happy we sent letters out
 - iv. Safety on Randolph- too narrow by ice cream shop and Sleders
 - v. Snow plow always goes down alley South to North dumping snow in same driveways all season
 - vi. Snow piles get extremely high on one side of alley. Pass on to City Streets may be able to address through route scheduling.
 - vii. Parking on Randolph St from Cedar to Division St can't turn off Division. Reduce parking to one side of the road or No Parking Here to Corner.
 - viii. No curbs and gutters. Residents spend time making their yards look nice, and someone parks right in the tree lawn. No enforcement of this ordinance.
 - ix. Festival overflow parking spills into the neighborhood where people park on resident's tree lawn
 - x. People parking by the fire hydrant
 - xi. Overflow from guest parking
 - xii. No overnight parking options
 - xiii. How will I.C. remodel affect the neighborhood and adjacent blocks?
 - xiv. Overdevelopment. BIG Condos in a little neighborhood.
 - xv. New development on 7th St (18 units) and only 18 spaces.
 - xvi. New development. Construction parking who authorizes the maximum number of spaces for construction workers and/or construction materials.



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- xvii. 2 hour parking- extend into the neighborhood
 - xviii. Stop signs to reduce speed of traffic to Munson
 - xix. Kids Creek – Neighborhoods should be able to decide what is best for their neighborhood. Allow on-street parking to help with traffic calming when employees speed to Munson.
6. Public Survey - <http://www.downtowntc.com/maps-parking/residential-parking>
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