



Residential Parking Public Input Session
Central Neighborhood
Crooked Tree Arts Center, 322 Sixth Street
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 6:30 PM
Minutes

1. Attendees: 862 letters were mailed to the property owners of Central Neighborhood of which 21 attended the meeting representing Sixth Street, Seventh Street, Eighth Street, Ninth & Oak, 10th & Wadsworth, Eleventh Street, and Twelfth & Pine.
2. Introductions
 - a. Jay Feldman, Central Neighborhood Association President
 - b. Rob Bacigalupi, Downtown Development Authority and Nicole VanNess, Traverse City Parking Services
 - c. 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. 2016 March/April – Hold initial Association meetings, Gather public input, Survey, Anticipate follow-up or additional input sessions
 - 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. Access to Guest Passes including Guest Passes for Overnight (2)



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- ii. Abuse/non-enforcement of 2 hour limit (2)
 - iii. Limited supply of parking (1)
 - iv. Spillover from businesses/festivals (2)
 - v. Keeping the Emergency Route Clear & Accessible (1)
 - vi. Excessing Speeding (2)
 - vii. Streets filled by 8 AM (2)
 - viii. Streets filled all day (1)
 - ix. Campers/Boats stored on-street (2)
 - x. Congestion, to narrow, parking on both sides reduces street to single drive lane (1)
 - xi. Safety caused by cars parked (1)
 - xii. Ban overnight parking (1)
 - xiii. Alley parking (1)
- b. What are the top 3 contributing factors to parking issues specific to your block/zone/area?
- i. Limited supply (1)
 - ii. Growing commerce/downtown spillover/proximity to businesses (4)
 - iii. Festivals (2)
 - iv. Central Grade School (2)
 - v. Housing with limited parking on-site (2)
 - vi. Non-enforcement (1)
 - vii. Many rentals (1)
 - viii. ADUs with no designated parking (1)
5. Closing Comments:
- a. Residents should send Jay (jayami517@hotmail.com) their email and phone number to be added to the Association mailing list and Facebook page.
 - b. Recommendation to supply printout for future meetings.
 - c. Suggested Park and ride from Thirlby Field on 13th Street.
 - d. Unlimited parking can result in parking running amok.
 - e. Consideration/argument made for case-by-case or block-by-block basis.
 - f. Overall consensus for overnight parking ordinance to remain, but allow for proximal guests.
 - g. Concerns on paying for residential parking permits
 - h. Businesses that effect parking pressure in the neighborhoods should contribute to solving the problem.
 - i. Suggested tiered fee structure – residents pay little, in town employees more, and out of town employees the most.
 - j. Concerns about Pine Street Development and other developments.
6. Public Survey - <http://www.downtownc.com/maps-parking/residential-parking>