

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Summary of Planning Board Action, Changes to Parking Regulations

DATE: February 18, 2005

Attached please find a copy of the Summary of Planning Board Action for the Land Use Management Ordinance Text Amendment regarding vehicular and bicycle parking regulations. The Public Hearing on this text amendment is scheduled for February 21, 2005.

Attachment:

1. Summary of Planning Board Action

SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD ACTION

Subject: Land Use Management Ordinance Text Amendment, Vehicular and Bicycle Parking Regulations

Meeting Date: February 15, 2005

Recommendation: That the Council approve the text amendment for changes to vehicular and bicycle parking with adjustments as noted below.

Vote: 7 - 0

Ayes: Donna Bell, Julie Coleman, Timothy Dempsey, Donna Manley, Nancy Milio, Ruby Sinreich, Mitch Strobin

Nays: none

Issues Raised:

- Board members were comfortable with the consultants proposed changes to vehicular and bicycling parking as a reflection of Chapel Hill's current parking habits. However, the Board raised questions about how the regulations could be adjusted to encourage alternatives means of transportation rather than codifying current practice.
- The Board indicated that though the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendations for bicycle parking take a step to encourage bicycle use, the numbers did not seem practical.
- The Board also suggested reconsideration of the concept of linking bicycle parking requirements to the number of vehicular parking spaces. The link seems artificial, and generally not a good approach, if we are attempting to encourage alternative means of transportation.
- The Board recommends the elimination of minimum vehicular parking requirements and the use of only maximum provisions.

Prepared by:

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