

**SUMMARY OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN  
ADVISORY BOARD ACTION**

**Subject:** Land Use Management Ordinance, Changes to Bicycle and Vehicular  
Parking Regulations

**Meeting Date:** March 22, 2005

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board make the following recommendation by consensus:

- The Board supports the Planning Director's recommendation to recalibrate bicycle requirements, to be based on intensity of proposed use (e.g., square feet of floor area).

The Board had mixed views concerning the proposal to eliminate minimum parking standards. Individual members made the following comments:

- If minimum standards are eliminated, the Town Council should consider requiring developers to provide a payment in-lieu which should be used to support alternative transportation.
- It is unlikely to change people's mode choice.
- Reduced off-street parking could lead to problems of on-street parking.
- On-street parking can have a traffic calming effect.

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## 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.

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