

**City of Traverse City
Parking Committee Minutes
Meeting September 3, 2015**

1. Members Present: McCall, Olshove, Serratelli, Soyring, VanNess.
2. Members Absent: Bevier, Bruckbauer, Nye, Streit.
3. Meeting called to order at 12:04 PM
4. Discussion of Parking Minimums: Commission comments
 - a. Russ Soyring presented the current parking minimum requirements in the current zoning code. Also presented were maps of surface parking in the downtown area and citywide. He explained the trend in some cities to eliminate minimum parking requirements and also how the current requirements came to be.
 - b. Recommendation to require a Business Plan / employee parking plan in applications (if minimums are eliminated)
 - c. Use of park and ride alternatives supported by Business owners (example; Restaurateur providing parking permits for employees)
 - d. Need to identify a very close in option for a Park and Ride system.
 - e. Need to review / modify parking signage around a new business to eliminate employees having to regularly move cars to comply with 2 hour parking
 - f. Potential need for a new type of parking permit to discourage long-term (4-8 hour) parking in neighborhoods.
 - g. Investigate potential of working with private property owners to see if their parking spaces can be made available for public use during non-business (evening) hours.
5. Public Comment:

Adrienne Rossi:

 - a. Need to consider long term and short term parking in neighborhoods
2 hour parking not viewed as major issue, 8 hour parking not desirable.
 - b. Require any new project to have a complete plan for where employees will park
6. Commission recommendation to Traverse City Planning Commission to eliminate parking minimums, but to develop language to ensure parking for employees is adequately addressed.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 PM.
8. Topic for next meeting: (Parking Requirements near Parking Decks and BATA center.
9. NEXT MEETING --- October 15, 2015 (No September 24 meeting).