



Residential Parking Public Input Session
Traverse Heights and Oak Park Neighborhood
Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Ave 2nd Floor
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 6:00 PM
Minutes

1. Attendees: 1800 letters were mailed to the property owners of Traverse Heights and Oak Park Neighborhoods of which 21 attended the meeting representing Prospect, State, Hope, Grant, Kinross, Lincoln and Bates Streets.
2. Introductions
 - a. Penny Hill, Assistant City Manager and City Liaison for Traverse Heights Neighborhood.
 - b. Nicole VanNess and Mike Helferich of Traverse City Parking Services and John Serratelli, Planning Commission Chair
 - 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 – 400 Block of Webster Street first to request residential permits to help with spillover from TCAPS Admin Building.
 - ii. 2001-2014 Residential permit pilots initiated and ranged from 90 days to 6 months. All pilots extended and exceeded pilot timeframe.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. 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 throughout 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 completed by the end of April.
 - iii. No defined timeline for new recommendations or proposals
4. Discussion: Group Breakout Activity



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- a. What are the top 3 parking issues specific to your block/zone/area?
 - i. No Parking – Allocated Evening Parking
 - ii. U-Turns (Rose)
 - iii. Delivery vehicles
 - iv. 24 hour parking (Barlow/Hannah)
 - v. Sidewalks
 - vi. *Approved overnight (Seasonal to all) – (2)
 - vii. Curb; gutter
 - viii. Paved alleys
 - ix. Overflow issues: ADU parking
 - x. Spill-over – (1)
 - xi. Need for calming/stop sign (Hope St)
 - xii. Storage Vs. Parking
 - b. What are the top 3 contributing factors to parking issues specific to your block/zone/area?
 - i. Daycare on-street parking interrupts daytime snow plowing
 - ii. Availability for overnight (2)
 - iii. Education of rules and Regs.
 - iv. Overnight Winter Parking
 - v. Stop sign and traffic patterns
 - vi. Oak Park School
 - vii. Business Parking
5. Closing Comments:
- a. Residents
 - i. Limit 24 hour parking, mark vehicles to distinguish storage vs. parking
 - ii. Condos on State Street between Railroad and Hope Street will soon begin nightly rentals. Each unit has 1 parking space. Rentals with more than one car will need additional parking.
 - iii. Questions on how other neighborhoods are doing this:
 1. Is there a high interest?
 2. What would the policy look like?
 3. Voiced that it doesn't make sense for some of these neighborhoods in particular
 - iv. How does enforcement for continued violators work?
 - v. Downtown parking- anyone speaking for underpaid employees?
 - vi. Diversifying permits
 - vii. Park & Ride- Free
 - viii. BATA – Downtown loop
 1. BATA is inconvenient/inconsistent
 - ix. Winter vs. Summer Parking
 - x. A limit of 24 hours for overnight parking (storage v. parking)
6. Public Survey - <http://www.downtownc.com/maps-parking/residential-parking>