

Memorandum

Date: May 13, 2009
To: Members of the Main Street Monroe/Downtown Development Authority
From: Andrea Jones, Main Street Manager
Re: Downtown Parking Permit Recommendation to Traffic Committee

Attached please find an agenda item describing a downtown parking permit system that was included in the March 25, 2009 City of Monroe Traffic Committee meeting packet. This system could consist of the opportunity for residents and downtown workers, etc. to purchase monthly or yearly passes that could be used in specified parking lots. This would allow them to park at metered spots without having to carry quarters to feed the meters since they have essentially pre-paid for the meter by purchasing a parking pass. The Traffic Committee has asked for a recommendation from the MSM/DDA on this idea. The Economic Restructuring Committee (as the MSM/DDA's parking subcommittee) has discussed this concept in detail over the past several months and several citizens have mentioned that the idea would be appealing for them to utilize. When asked for clarification of the detail that should be included in the recommendation the Traffic Committee, they agreed that a simple endorsement of a parking permit system would be beneficial. If the final decision is to create a parking permit system, then staff can work out the details of the system for final approval. After much discussion, the Economic Restructuring Committee **recommends support of parking permits for city lots**. Taking that recommendation into consideration, the MSM/DDA is now asked to make a recommendation to the City of Monroe Traffic Committee regarding the parking permit system in downtown.

Thank you.