

Memorandum

Date: June 10, 2010
To: Members of the Main Street Monroe/Downtown Development Authority
From: Andrea Jones, Main Street Manager
Re: Weipert Lot Time Restriction Change Recommendation

Attached please find an agenda item for consideration of allowing longer-term parking in the West Front Street parking lot, also known as the Weipert Lot, that was included in the March 25, 2009 City of Monroe Traffic Committee meeting packet. The Traffic Committee asked for a recommendation from the MSM/DDA on this issue. The Economic Restructuring Committee (as the MSM/DDA's parking subcommittee) discussed this issue at the time and recommended allowing permit parking in addition to the existing 2-hour parking in the West Front Street lot once the parking permit was established. The recommendation was based on the idea that this would be a prime parking lot to utilize the parking permits, but still remain free for patrons. The Board accepted the Economic Restructuring Committee's recommendation.

The parking permit program has been in existence since January 2010. In that time, it is evident that permit parking is not desired at that location. Only one permit car can be seen there on a regular basis and the parking lot only has a few cars that utilize it during business hours. However, it appears that the parking lot does get used in the evenings after the time restriction is no longer in effect.

The Economic Restructuring Committee discussed time limit restrictions in the Weipert lot again at their May 26, 2010 meeting. Due to the underutilization of the parking lot, they **recommend removing the time limit restrictions on the Weipert Lot.** Given that changes in the parking throughout the Lauer Finzel, United Way and Stepping Stone areas is in process, it was agreed that restrictions for the Weipert Parking Lot could be revisited once a more definite parking plan is in place for the area.

Thank you.