

**TOWN OF HIGHLANDS
PARKING STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS
HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY BUILDING
NOVEMBER 3, 2010
4 PM**

Present: Mayor David Wilkes, Mayor Pro Tempore Amy Patterson, Commissioners Gary Drake, Dennis DeWolf and John Dotson

Absent: Commissioner Larry Rogers

Staff Present: Town Manager Jim Fatland

Call to Order

Mayor David Wilkes called the meeting to order at 4PM

The following recommendations and concepts made by the Planning Board were discussed:

1. NEED BETTER SIGNAGE TO DIRECT TOURISTS TO OFF-STREET PARKING AND DESTINATIIONS.

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board agreed that a unified sign system was needed to direct tourists to off-street parking and public destinations.

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board concurs with the Planning Board that a unified sign system was needed to direct tourists to off-street parking and public destinations.

2. NEED DEFINITIVE GATEWAYS INTO HIGHLANDS TO LET VISITORS KNOW THEY HAVE ARRIVED

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board is in agreement that the existing signs on the roads leading into Highlands are sufficient.

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board was in agreement with the Planning Board that the existing signs on the roads leading into Highlands are sufficient, although need to be replaced, and that landscape median strips adjacent to entrance signs was not necessary.

3. CONVERT N. THIRD STREET AND MAPLE STREET TO US64 AND S. THIRD STREET TO US28 AS A TRUCK ROUTE

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board made no recommendation to convert N. Third Street and Maple Street to US64 and S. Third Street to US28 as a truck route with a new traffic signal installed at the intersection of Third Street and Main Street. Vote was tied 3-3.

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board discussed the recommendation and felt more analysis was needed before a decision could be made for a new traffic signal at the intersection of Third Street and Main Street. In addition, further review of the proposed truck route was needed before a final decision could be made.

4. LANDSCAPE MEDIAN DOWN MAIN STREET FROM FIRST STREET TO FIFTH STREET

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board has recommended that the landscape median down Main Street from First Street to Fifth Street not be implemented.

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board discussed and concurred with the Planning Board recommendation not to install the landscape median down Main Street from First Street to Fifth Street. The Town Board, however, did recommend that bump outs or nodes be installed at all intersections on Main Street to improve pedestrian safety.

5. CONSTRUCT ANGULAR PARKING SPACES ALONG NORTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET FROM FIRST STREET TO THIRD STREET

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board made the recommendation to agree in concept as a future project but not necessary for any immediate action.

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board discussed and concurred with the Planning Board recommendation not to initiate this project in the foreseeable future. However, the Town Board recommends that a sidewalk be installed on the upper bank down to First Street.

6. PURSUE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE MAIN STREET AND THIRD STREET INTERSECTION

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board made recommendation to approve the concept of pursuing making the intersection at Third Street and Main Street safer.

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board supports the report recommendation of a traffic signal at the Third and Main Streets intersection for truck route and safety reasons.

7. CONVERT SPRING STREET TO ONE-WAY EAST BOUND AND CONSTRUCT A SIDEWALK ALONG NORTH SIDE OF SPRING STREET

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board made recommendation to approve the conversion of Spring Street to a one way east bound and to construct a sidewalk along the north side of Spring Street.

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board supports the Planning Board on the conversion of Spring Street (From Fourth to Fifth Streets) to a one way street east bound and to construct a sidewalk along the north side of Spring Street.

8. INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF FOURTH STREET AND SOUTH STREET IN ORDER TO ACT AS A GATEWAY AND ELIMINATE THE CONFUSING INTERSECTION

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board made recommendation to endorse the idea of improving the design of the intersection at Fourth Street and South Street to make that intersection more efficient and safer.

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board agrees with the Planning Board to endorse the idea of improving the design of the intersection at Fourth Street and South Street to make that intersection more efficient and safer.

9. MIDBLOCK CROSSWALKS ON MAIN STREET

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board made no recommendation on midblock crosswalks

Town Board Recommendation

The Town Board was divided on midblock crosswalks

Seeing no other business to come before the Board, the Mayor adjourned the work session at 5:12PM.

Approved:

David Wilkes,
Mayor

Prepared By:

Jim Fatland,
Town Manager/Town Clerk