

Planning Commission

Work Session Minutes **Wednesday, November 5, 2015** **11:00 a.m., Council Chambers**



City of South Haven

The meeting was called to order 11:00 a.m. by Chair Paull. Present were planning commission members Peterson, Gruber, Stimson, Webb and Heinig. Zoning administrator Anderson and some members of the public were also in attendance.

Public comments were received.

Discussion focused on options for alleviating parking congestion in certain neighborhoods, especially those with narrower than normal street right-of-way. Heinig explained what he found related to permit parking in other cities. The possibility of “permit books” for property owners was discussed as well as how the program could be enforced. Permit programs could be tied in with the provisions for extra parking spaces for extra bedrooms.

Paull stated that the permitting program is an inconvenience for casual daytime visitors. He gave an example of stopping at a friend’s house for a couple hours and having to get a permit or get ticketed. Applying the permitting requirement to just overnight parking was discussed. It was generally agreed that a permitting program would require meeting with the city engineer and police department staff. This will be set aside for further research.

There was brief discussion about allowing rentals by special use permit. Gruber mentioned the possibility of neighborhood zones and flexible requirements allowing administrative approval for some areas and special use approval for others. It was also stated that existing rentals would not need to apply for special use approval but could receive administrative approval.

Next meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Linda Anderson, Zoning Administrator