

MEMO

To: Hazen Blodgett, Town Manager

From: Jay Camp, Planner II

Date: April 9, 2008

Subject: Summary of 2 hour parking discussion in Downtown

At the April 1, 2008 Downtown Merchants Group meeting, the subject of two hour parking was discussed. The consensus of the group at this time is that CATS commuters and other users fill the most convenient spaces near Trade Street all day forcing short term visitors to park far from shops, businesses and restaurants. The thought at this time would be to dedicate the 8 or 10 spaces closest to Trade Street for two hour parking. The only concern with the proposal at this time was the perception that the hourly limits are not enforced adequately. Hourly limits for the planned on-street parking on West Charles Street were not discussed however given their location they may also be prime candidates for hourly parking.