

November 19, 2014 PUBLIC FORUM ON PARKING: COMMENTS AND VOTES

	Yes	No	Likes	Dislikes	Votes	Comments
2-1 - Burlington's Parking Garages			2-hour free (10 ppl) Marketplace Garage is a convenient location (5 ppl) space availability (3 ppl) Other comments: great for long days, signs, bright lights, view from top floor, protection from elements, real person at garage, safety, Sundays free, more efficient use of space for parking, surface lots are my first choice	Dark/dirty/safety issues (9 ppl) Elevators are sketchy or don't work (2 ppl) Unclear signage (3 ppl) Other comments: Make cost obvious, Adult Ed Council proposal, hard to find space, takes too much time in and out, can't find entrance, do a community mural project, put garages in satellite locations with transport DT, improve bike parking, better transportation linkages		
2-2 - Burlington's On-Street Parking			Close to destination/convenient (4 ppl) Love the new meter/being able to use credit cards (2 ppl) Can always find a space (2 ppl) Other comments: understandable, cheap, free motorcycle spaces, lighting is key, safety	Smart meter rates too expensive (5 ppl) Enforcement should go back to 6pm (3 ppl) Unsafe for cyclists/bike lanes are too close to cars (3 ppl) Bike lanes should replace on-street parking (2 ppl) Poor access to meters in winter (2 ppl) Other comments: Meters are hard to see and the plus/minus time buttons don't work, landlord changed backyard into a parking lot, unsafe, inefficient use of space, take away time limits, huge Suburbans hogging spaces, provide more bike lanes and bike parking, long-term parkers, confusion to traffic		
3-1 - Top 3 Improvements					More Technology: 14 More Signage: 29 More Security in Garages: 12 Parking Options for Cyclists, etc: 27 Parking and Transportation Website: 6 Improvements to Customer Service: 6 Operate City Garages 24/7: 7	Need wayfinding from parking garages to popular destinations, need pedicabs to minimize walking, allow motorcycles in parking garages, expanded and more frequent public transportation, offer rides from garages to destinations, voucher for low-income folks, more tech like GPS in phones, cars, buses, smart signs that give directions and space availability; wayfinding technology, real people monitoring garages, safe, continuous bike lanes
3-2 - Should Burlington increase parking spaces downtown?		4	26			Increase usage of private spaces, utilize off-site parking with shuttles, more stringent requirements for parking with new housing projects, increase structured parking only if density and height of buildings is increased, every new building should have a parking structure within it, parking spaces in parking garages, give financial incentive to private lots to allow public to use spaces, there's already too much space given over to parking.
3-3 - Should Burlington reinvest parking revenue in downtown improvements?		32	2			Bike lanes and transit to reduce car use (2 ppl), revenue should not just be for downtown, increased parking rates are playing a role in whether to come downtown.
3-4 - Should Burlington offer parking and transportation discounts if you shop or work downtown?		18	10			Yes to transit and alternative commuting discounts, no to parking (2 ppl), employ transit incentives, also have discounts for those accessing social services, employers should offer discounts, NOT the city, provide bus commuter cards rather than have employees park.

3-5 - Should Burlington work with private parking owners to make parking available to the public during weekend and evening hours?	37	0				Yes for private garages, but surface parking needs to be repurposed to better uses. It's a blight and economically poor use of space; there may be insurance concerns around this solution.
Tell Us What You Think	Parking is a non-event for me; I can always find a space	I can find a space, but I have to circle the block a few times.	I would prefer to bike, but there aren't facilities for my bike when I get downtown.	I can always find a place nearby, but I hate to pay for parking.	I can find a place in the garage, but it doesn't feel safe.	
	18	15	13	9	3	
	I can find a place on the street, but I am worried about getting a ticket	I would prefer to bike, but I don't feel safe riding on the road	I don't care where I park, as long as it is free	I am less worried about price than knowing there is a space for me when I arrive.	I am willing to pay more to walk less.	
	7	18	0	7	2	
	I can always find a place in a garage, but it's a long walk to where I am going	I would prefer to bike, but there aren't facilities for ME when I get downtown.	I can find parking, but never in the lot/garage that I want to be in.	I would prefer not to drive, but don't know what the alternatives are	I would prefer not to drive, but there is no transit service near my home	
	9	9	1	1	5	
	I would prefer not to drive, but it is too far to bike	I worry about my safety walking between parking and my destination	I won't park in the garages due to their condition.	I don't know where to park when I come downtown	My employer pays for parking, so I don't care	
	2	1	3	0	1	
When I go downtown, I usually park my car...	Lakeview or College	Marketplace garage	BTC	Pearl St./Elmwood Ave.	College St.	
	9	15	3	6	5	
	St. Paul St.	Browns Court	Courthouse Plaza	Main St.	lot at Winooski and Main	
	2	2	1	4	1	
	City Market and behind	All others				
	6	12				
When I go downtown, I typically visit...	Flynn Theater	City Hall/the park/Farmers Market	Library/Memorial Aud/Roxy	City Market	Church St. Marketplace area	
	4	12	6	12	17	
	Waterfront	All others				
	5	7				