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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pullman Planning Commission

FROM: Pete Dickinson, Planning Director 

FOR: Meeting of January 23, 2008

SUBJECT: Downtown Parking

DATE: January 17, 2008

At its November 28, 2007 meeting, the Planning Commission reached consensus on four recommendations pertaining to parking in the central business district. These four recommendations promoted enhanced enforcement of parking regulations, better identification of parking opportunities downtown, exploration of a parking permit system for downtown residents, and establishment of design standards if an off-street parking regulation is imposed for residential uses in the central business district.

On December 4, the City Council conducted a discussion regarding the Planning Commission's recommendations. At that time, several Council members expressed their agreement with the suggestion for better enforcement. Other members encouraged city officials to examine a variety of alternatives for providing more parking opportunities downtown with the help of entities such as Washington State University and the Chamber of Commerce. At the conclusion of its discussion, the Council stated its interest in obtaining more definitive recommendations from the Planning Commission on this topic, including an assessment of the need for an off-street parking requirement for downtown residential uses. In order to act on this matter in a timely fashion, the Council requested these recommendations from the Commission by March of 2008.

Planning staff anticipates a meeting in the next couple of weeks that would involve several downtown parking stakeholder groups (e.g., developers, merchants, and

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Pioneer Hill residents). Staff is awaiting the outcome of this meeting prior to transmitting additional substantive information on this subject to the Commission.

At the Planning Commission meeting of January 23, staff will provide an update on this matter and solicit pertinent comments from the Commission. Please note that, due to the deadline imposed by the Council, the Commission may need to conduct multiple meetings on this topic during the month of February.