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Two ways to go to secure more village parking

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There seem to be two possible courses of action open to Capitola residents who want more off-street parking in the village business district.

Reviewing the courses of action open to the community with City Manager Max Kludt and City Planner Pat McCormick, members of an ad hoc parking committee found there were two possibilities — go through the process of forming a municipal parking district under the 1913 Act and then sell bonds to acquire parking facilities, or encourage the city council to act upon behalf of the village area and acquire and then operate off-street, revenue-producing parking lots in the village.

Both possibilities, Kludt and city councilman John Dixon pointed out, involve political considerations for the council.

Kludt promised that he will contact the owners of two prospective municipal parking lots this week for possible selling prices, and then report back to the committee next Tuesday afternoon.

At that time, the committee will be deciding if the city council should be approached.

If the decision by the council is to pursue the acquisition of land

for city-owned — as opposed to parking district-owned — lots, negotiations can begin immediately with land owners for land.

If the council decides to support the formation of a village parking district, then a long legal process is necessary, beginning with the parking committee securing signatures of 60 per cent of the property owners in the village.

Committee chairman Wayne Hansen is pushing for some city action on the parking issue because several large parcels of land in the village are currently for sale.

The city council has already passed the resolutions setting up two-hour, daytime parking on Capitola Avenue, on Monterey Avenue in the village this summer — an experiment to see if the parking space availability will be materially increased. Now the city staff and the parking committee are considering the overall effect of extending the restricted parking to other streets in the village — notably the Esplanade and San Jose Avenue — which has recently been converted into a one-way, diagonal parking street.

The committee will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, in city hall. The meeting is open to the public.

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