

Memorandum

Date: May 13, 2009
To: Members of the Main Street Monroe/Downtown Development Authority
From: Andrea Jones, Main Street Manager
Re: Vacant West Front Street Lot Recommendation to Traffic Committee

Attached please find an agenda item examining the potential for the creation of a parking lot in the vacant lot on West Front Street (former Steppingstone property), that was included in the March 25, 2009 City of Monroe Traffic Committee meeting packet. The Traffic Committee has asked for a recommendation from the MSM/DDA on this issue. The Economic Restructuring Committee (as the MSM/DDA's parking subcommittee) has discussed this concept in detail and **recommends investigation of conversion of the former Steppingstone lot to an entrance/exit for the Lauer Finzel parking lot and change the current Monroe Street entrance to a pedestrian walkway plus investigate potential parking in the entrance/exit** . This recommendation is based on the idea that this could be the beginning of a project to improve the parking lots running along the river and create a more visible entrance and exit while protecting pedestrians that utilize the parking lots. Taking that recommendation into consideration, the MSM/DDA is now asked to make a recommendation to the City of Monroe Traffic Committee regarding creation of a possible parking lot in the vacant lot on West Front Street.

Thank you.