

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP #3  
MIDDLETOWN PARKING STUDY  
September 13, 2007**

The third community wide workshop was held at the City of Middletown's Council Chambers located at 245 deKoven Dr., Middletown, at 5:30pm on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Public comment was solicited after the presentation of preferred alternatives for both Federal monies and other parking improvement strategies that may be undertaken by the city outside of earmarked project money.

The general feeling was that the city must make the added improvements to circulation and parking parallel to the transit and garage projects. Smaller options such as increasing parking on smaller lots such as the Salvation Army site, trolley service and resident/employee parking permit to alleviate some of the parking issues in the North End should be encouraged.

Participants highlighted both the Melilli Lot as well as the Arcade as the most needed and plausible sites to construct a parking structure. The Library lot also had support.

There was also discussion on the need and workings of a parking authority and streamlining parking management while making it self-sufficient.

Other comments focused on:

- The viability of retail space in combination with a federally funded garage and the limitations that might bring to leasing or renting.
- Building orientation toward the street
- Benefit of creating a developable site through consolidating parking in a garage at the Arcade parking deck site
- Seeing the bigger picture of connecting the Downtown to the Waterfront.

Perhaps most often stated was, to make this aesthetically pleasing and in character with the community. The stress on "good design" was a constant theme.



