

Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee Minutes
Meeting of March 15, 2011
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
J.R. Howard Hall, Rm 302

Attending: Tyler Church, Marilyn Sbardellati, Ian Gadberry, Johnny Weigel, Sharon Hayes, Amy Dvorak, Seneca Gray, Freddy Vilches, Sherron Stonecypher, David Kelley, Tim O'Dwyer, Michael Ford, Damian Miller, Lin Thunder
Absent: Richard Bettega, Juleen Norling, Lisa Pogue, Gabriel Montez de Orca, Jason Feiner, Josh Mink

1. Minutes of Meeting for February 17, 2011

The minutes were sent to Committee members. If there are no changes the minutes will stand as written. Any changes may be sent to Marilyn.

2. Bike Riders and Parking Fees

Johnny Weigel explained an e-mail Transportation & Parking received recommending free or discounted parking passes for community members who utilize their bicycles as a primary means of transportation. Damian Miller supported this recommendation and added the current parking system is financially disadvantageous for those who occasionally drive to work. This is an issue for enticing new riders to support riding to work. Freddy Vilches said we could offer a credit to those who register their bikes. Sharon Hayes commented on the difficulty of monitoring bike commuters. Tim O'Dwyer added the parameters would be hard to find given the limited staffing in the Transportation & Parking office. Managing this program would be an issue. Seneca Gray thinks it is not as big a problem as the email makes it out to be. Damian believes this is not a minimal issue and offered to investigate options that other colleges implement and offer them at the next TPAC meeting.

3. Charging Stations

Johnny Weigel informed the committee that there is federal money available for electric vehicle charging stations. Two stations were proposed at visitor parking near Campus Safety. The estimated cost for additional stations is \$1500 – 2500 each, plus bringing electricity to the area. Depending on the cost and success of the federally funded stations, the college is also looking into installing charging stations at South Campus and the Law School. ECOtality is working with the college to apply for federal funding. Tim O'Dwyer believes we should have a conversation regarding the placement of the charging stations since Campus Safety has limited spaces. David Kelley said the Law School has already set up two spots for charging electric scooters for free.

4. New Residential Hall Parking

A Housing Focus Group was formed for the new residence hall and provided a list of transportation related suggestions to incentivize upper class students to live on campus. According to Lin Thunder, Dean of Students Celestino Limas, explained the new dormitory to Law students assuming they would not bring a car to campus. Sharon Hayes, a member of the Housing Focus Group, presented their brainstormed ideas. The

group supported ideas that encouraged students to keep their vehicles off of the campus. These include free bus passes, a discount in the U-Car share program, and a free campus “taxi” service for upper classmen living on campus. The committee does not feel suggestions that support car use should be considered. Sherron Stonecypher added we need to be aware that the approximately 30 parking spaces surrounding the new dormitory will be unusable while in the construction phase. Michael Ford added it does not make sense to incentivize car parking, but to reduce the rent. Lin Thunder thinks the new dormitory will have a big impact on the environment, but is doubtful that law students will utilize it. Damian Miller also believes graduate students would not be interested in living in the new dormitory.

Sharon Hayes suggested the committee continue discussions about getting the shuttle reinstated in the middle of the day and the need to communicate with our community the challenges they face with parking. Sherron questioned whose responsibility it is to get the word out to the community. Tim O’Dwyer feels Campus Living should address this matter. The increased impact on parking will begin with the start of construction. Sharon Hayes, Sherron Stonecypher, and Michael Ford will craft a statement for college administration regarding these parking issues.

5. Inauguration Planning

Michael Ford informed the group several areas will be off limits on Inauguration Day, April 8th. They include parking lots Akin, Campus Safety, Lower Templeton, Lower Pamplin, and Upper Griswold, for a total of nearly 300 parking spaces. Parking areas at Oaks Amusement Park have been reserved and shuttle buses will be transporting people to and from the College. Those who utilize Oaks Park will receive a free daily pass to the amusement park.

6. Pioneer Express Incident

Johnny Weigel told the group RAZ Transportation was willing to check photo IDs for shuttle riders. Additionally, RAZ is researching prices to add security cameras to the shuttle, which would be a pass down cost to Lewis & Clark. Johnny also indicated he is working on addressing guidelines for shuttle drivers on how to deal with these situations. Committee agreed to put a sign on the Pioneer Express stating, “Photo ID May Be Required”.

7. Carpooling

The committee briefly discussed the idea of changing existing carpool procedures. Currently, only one parking pass is distributed to the group forming the carpool. Johnny Weigel proposed the idea of having all persons that purchase a carpool permit, receive a carpool permit. This would make ad-hoc carpool groups easier to form. Johnny asked the committee about pricing, since currently larger groups can split the cost of one permit. Seneca Gray suggested pricing carpool permits at \$82.50 per semester, per person and the committee agreed. Johnny proposed investigating this option more in depth, with a possible trial run with the Law School.

8. Discussion

Sharon Hayes concluded the meeting at 1:00pm

Next TPAC Meeting:
April, 20th 2011
12:00pm – 1:00pm
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