Members Present:
Bob Miller
Michelle Foss
Fred Rowe
Teresa Kauf
Ron Siders
Daniel Schwimmer
Paul Davenport
Mike Katovich
Gary Zetrouer
Ryan Mezzell
Chris Hughes

Ex-Officio Members Present:
Scott Fox
Susan Norred
Linda Dixon
Carol Walker

Non-Members Present:
Nina Shubert
Miles Albertson
Stephanie Granada
Fred Rowe
Bradley R. Smith
Raymond Gonzalez
Frank Javaheri
Lionel Dubay
Peggy Carr

I. Call to Order – Bob Miller (Please note that as Dr. Mike Katovich was unable to attend, Mr. Miller judiciously agreed to chair this meeting.)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM.

II. Approval of Minutes – Bob Miller

The minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting were presented to committee members for review and approval. Gary Zetrouer moved to approve, Ron Siders was the second and the minutes for February 12, 2008 were approved with no changes.

III. TAPS Departmental Update – Scott Fox

Director’s Update: Decal Ordering

- Online orders now being taken
- Satellite kiosk will set up in the Atrium at Shands April 10 thru 18 to facilitate decal orders

Five parking lots will be resurfaced, beginning this summer with the large commuter lot on Gale Lemerand Drive. This lot will be resurfaced in parcels in order to keep parking impacts at a minimum. On going projects include repairs and up grades to a number of parking garages with a budget of $750,000 and the addition of two new bus shelters; 1 on Museum Road and the other on Gale Lemerand Drive.
IV. Campus Core Parking Reallocation Proposal – Scott Fox

DISCUSSION: Proposal discussion of mitigation plan initiated by Mr. Miller, regarding surface lots near Criser and alternative parking during the new Hough Hall construction. Loss is estimated at 129 spaces, mostly gated, disabled and reserved parking. Visitor parking will still be in the vicinity. Although TPAC did not approve this, other committees did and advice from these committees will be considered and ultimately the administration will take these into account when making a decision.

The current parking lot at the future Hough Hall site is divided: 118 spaces to the north and 118 spaces to the south. The proposed building will occupy the north side of this current parking area. The campus core parking reallocation plan includes one bay of gated specialty parking, disabled parking, some visitor and staff reserved spaces.

Scott Fox presented the proposed reallocation parking and provided a comprehensive, color-coded map.

- Move 69 spaces, all but carpool, from north lot to south lot. Will leave 49 gated spaces in south lot.
- Carpool spaces will move to Inner Road and Newell Drive, from Criser to Fletcher/Sledd, replacing Red 1 on University.
- Additional carpool will go to lot at McCarty, now Orange. Orange will be recaptured at Red 1 on 13th Avenue near Broward Beach and Reid.
- Gated parking proposed to move to now Orange lot at Broward Dining.
- Convert Red 3 to 49 Red 1 at Norman Garage.
- Move 37 Red 1 spaces from Yulee/Reid to Garage 5 (Hume).

Previous meeting with the Directors, Deans and Department Heads to remedy issues regarding deliveries and drop-offs to closed road areas yielded the following suggestions:

1. Access cards for guests and visitors
2. Leave gates up for specific times
3. Create a service drive (15-30 minutes stand time) on the old Stadium Road from the motorcycle/scooter parking.

Mr. Fox requested feedback on these ideas. Mr. Miller inquired regarding changing the auto-free zone. Mr. Fox suggested a pick-up/drop-off at Newell Drive, gating Inner Road and extending the “auto-free” zone south to McCarty. The challenge, he suggested, was to accommodate bikes, pedestrians, some angled parking and gated and special reserved-only vehicles. Bradley R. Smith inquired regarding the impact on parking and asked if it was necessary to extend the “auto-free” zone that far? Mr. Fox stated that there was a desire for balance by offering the pick-up/drop-off area as well as the “auto-free” extension. Linda Dixon asked if spaces would be added at McCarty. Mr. Fox indicated that there were no plans to add at this time. However, referring to the moved motorcycle/scooter on the map
Mr. Fox indicated a proposal to raise the walkway and use that area as a pick-up/drop-off zone with room for a bike lane. Mr. Smith expressed concerns about drop-offs of large and heavy materials by students, faculty and staff at Rinker Hall and deliveries of materials to the Sculpture Shop. Raymond Gonzales said that moving projects and materials by faculty between Yulee and Norman Halls is difficult. Mr. Fox imparted that the long term issues with raising the gates during a particular time for deliveries could generate lots of illegal parking and create new enforcement issues.

Chris Hughes suggested moving red and orange to gated areas at Criser and moved gated parking to McCarty.

Peggy Carr expressed concerns regarding the Fines Arts C building. Many students have no studio and rely on access to this building for projects. She indicated that the students work on projects at all hours and need evening parking for convenience and safety. Mr. Fox stated that the gates would be open in the evenings. Mr. Miller asked if deliveries could be time controlled. Mr. Gonzales said that deliveries were often scheduled. Mr. Smith said it would be difficult to pinpoint all times for deliveries. Inner Road is an important egress road and after 4:30 students and others flood into that area. Mr. Gonzales asked if the current orange lots indicated on the map would be changed to gated lots. Mr. Fox stated that it was considered, but not opted. Mr. Miller, in discussing the price increases and any proposed increases in gated parking and more exclusive parking, stated that in the campus core parking should be more expensive. Ms. Dixon concurred. Mr. Miller asked about the waiting list for gated parking and Mr. Fox stated that the wait time was 4 years. Converting any lot spaces to gated status would increase the waiting list. Mr. Gonzales suggested that some of the changes proposed, mainly converting more spaces to gated at Norman would penalize “regular parkers” (students and employees). Proposed was moving some of the gated areas to the current carpool zone near Broward Dining. It was explained that the spaces are not too far away, however there are not enough spaces to fill the need.

Mr. Miller commented on the lack of student attendance in the meeting.

Ryan Mezzell, Chief Justice, Student Traffic Court, agreed with most of the proposed changes except for the auto-free zone. He observed a need for students to have greater access and that pick-up/drop-off would be an issue. Mr. Miller asked about impact to the residence halls. Mr. Fox clarified that Red 1 parking would be preserved by the proposed move and bus service would be encouraged. Mr. Mezzell said that he observed that cars just remain parked in most of these areas and they are seldom moved. Moving Red decal parking would probably have little impact. He suggested a greater emphasis by TAPS on bus services.

Amy Dickerson, although content with the relocations and believes that the changes will curb abuse, indicated that the one way at Criser is difficult and the gate is a hindrance and that visitors will not go around.

Discussed was the possible impact on the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP). Efforts are to increase the bus schedule for the weekends. Sunday nights are indicated as heavy use nights for SNAP as students coming back on campus from being away need to transport luggage. Stephanie Granada offered that removal of parking spaces at the library may impact after hours as well. Mr. Miller said the plans will be to have a shuttle to remedy this issue. However with the decrease of parking in the north core campus, it was noted that
these concerns are valid. Peggy Carr inquired about the decision and voting process. The minutes will go to Mr. Poppell for his review and will be discussed. Parking will not be impacted without the consideration of solutions.

Hough Hall ground breaking is scheduled for August. The building project is to include the widening of roads and the installation of gates. Peggy Carr desired information on the following:

- The number of gated permits
- Is May the month that gated permits are purchased?
- Will gated parking be cut along with all other parking?

This information was provided, however Mr. Miller indicated that any reduction in gated parking would be discussed with the Vice President. (The general thought has been a “last in, first out” or LIFO, procedure for parking.)

Mr. Miller proposed a motion to accept or deny the proposal and then asked if there was more discussion desired on the matter, imparting to the committee any pluses or minuses. Mr. Gonzales continued the discussion by suggesting an evaluation of future parking issues in the chemistry area, consideration of increasing carpool spaces and the problem with empty buses. Frank Javaheri noted that the ground breaking for the chemistry project is slated for December, 2009. Carol Walker offered that may be contingent on the 4 year funding cycle. The project may be pushed back, barring ecological impact as well. The loading zone would be maintained. Mr. Gonzales suggested that the people working in the gallery would be happy, as the gates are difficult to deal with regarding loading zones. Peggy Carr suggested that deliveries may not be compatible with staff times and the drop-off of student projects. Teresa Kauf suggested the possibility of a call box at the gate for deliveries.

There was a motion to accept the plan with the stipulation that Inner Road remain open and that gated parking could be in Norman garage or by McCarty. Motion was seconded by Teresa Kauf, however there was more discussion. Ron Siders asked about the parking at SW 13th Street, Inner Road to Yulee and suggested Yulee-Reed would need as much parking. That area will remain Orange. Mr. Mezzell inquired regarding the number of spaces in the gated parking at Mallory and Mr. Fox provided an answer of 25 spaces.

**ACTION:** The committee voted 5 to 1 to accept the parking lot changes to alleviate impact with the new construction in the campus core. Note that post-vote Gary Zetrouer asked that staff look at the carpool area by Chemistry. The carpool lots are generally not full.

**VI. Hough Hall, Building Site Approval (UF 206 Graduate Studies Building) – Linda Dixon**

Presentation for the proposed new construction included:

- Location/Purpose
- Site Design – Noted was a slight shift south of original proposed building location
- Loading and Service Areas
Loading Areas for Criser
Concern still for this area is waste collection and management. Consultations are ongoing with the Physical Plant Division.
From 13th Street to Plaza of the Americas, a prominent pedestrian walkway is planned.
Service vehicles are slated to enter at Criser.
Consulted with historical preservation committee regarding footprint specifics.
Emergency vehicle access and loadin/service drive needs.
Emphasis on preserving the visual connections to campus care and openness of Criser area and pedestrian access.
Transformers will be located on the west side of the building as well as mechanical rooms.
The service yard will get a wall and landscaping to improve aesthetics.
Landscaping on the south end of the building will include a berm.
There will be tree loss; however plans for replacement landscaping will be detailed upon introduction of next phase.

DISCUSSION: Carol Walker remarked that she could see the project was taking shape. Ms. Dixon stated that a Land Use and Facilities committee was consulted on this project, approved with a caveat and that feedback was desired from the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee as well. More plans for this building will include an atrium and a student lounge mid building. The footprint is slated to be approximately 18,000 square feet. Emphasis was on compliance on the outer design with the Historical Preservation Committee. There will be a height change and this building will be slightly taller than Tigert. Exterior building materials will be primarily composed of brick and glass. Mr. Miller inquired if there would be a slide for the lay-down area. Ms. Walker asked if this would to east of Stuzin. The ASD reviewed all plans and approved them.

ACTION: A motion was made by Gary Zetrouer to approve Hough Hall building proposals and seconded by Ron Siders. Mr. Miller asked if half of the parking not be impacted by lay-down area. This was considered a friendly amendment to the original motion. Last review will have the lay-down area. Motion was passed unanimously.

VII. East Campus Office Building, Program Approval – Fred Rowe
Prior to the PowerPoint Presentation, Mr. Rowe background and statistics for the site:
- Site was once a prison.
- Site has 24 buildings including storage units.
- UF board of Trustees acquired site in 2004.
- Adjacent site is residential.
- In 2004 there was an environmental site assessment – Investigation revealed UST(underground storage tanks) and contaminants in area.
- College of Engineering is present in the area.
- Bridges is currently using the site.
Content of PowerPoint program included:
- Alleviation of some space and parking shortages
• Building occupation status will be changed to rental space
• Budget set for this project at $15 million
• Structure is slated to be 4 stories
• Construction method will be tilt wall or panel construction

DISCUSSION: A map shown to the committee related the master plan footprint for this site includes a 20,000 square foot area on the east side of campus. Included in this were the current buildings, although they are slated to be razed. Mr. Hughes inquired regarding parking for this area and Mr. Rowe showed the proposed areas designated for parking. Mr. Rowe related that this area has not been advertised as of yet and this presentation was for site location approval only.

ACTION: A motion was presented to accept the site plan as presented by Gary Zetrouer and seconded by Ron Siders. Although Mr. Hughes expressed continued concerns about parking for this area, the motion was passed.

VIII. Chemical Biology Building Program / Site Approval – Frank Javaheri

The current building was constructed in the 1940’s and then subsequently renovated in the 1990’s. However the renovations still did not provide enough space. The building outline presented:

• Aerial photos of the area
• Site photos
• New construction would yield 100,000 square feet of space

DISCUSSION: This area faces University Avenue. Plans for the new construction including new landscaping, will enhance and compliment the area. This will take place on the west, east and south sides of the current structure, yielding a footprint of 23,000 to 24,000 square feet. This construction will have a parking impact with a loss of 124 parking spaces. This will include:

• 14 Orange spaces
• 9 Handicap spaces
• 28 Reserved spaces

The cost for this construction is not set as of this time and the mitigated process continues for parking, the loading dock and pick-up/drop-off areas. Ms. Walker expressed concerns regarding the size of the building footprint and parking area vs. green space. Mr. Mezzell inquired if it were feasible to incorporate parking into the building. Mr. Javahari stated that this idea could possibly raise the height to 9 stories. In the historic area the building could not be more than 5 stories. Ms. Walker noted that with these height restrictions came a loss of square footage for the building and although Emerson Hall is more than 5 stories, it is not located in the historic district. Mr. Mezzell asked if the height could go up or down depending on the parking impact. He suggested the mitigation committee could request something similar to Hough Hall. Ms. Walker asked if 100 spaces could be created. Mr. Miller said the committee could approve with a caveat for parking. Ms. Walker was concerned about an impact fee for 50 spaces underground and desired a cost analysis. She also asked about losses of disabled parking in front of the building and preserving green space at Library west. Mr. Fox voiced concerns regarding losses of disabled parking with this project. Ms. Walker
suggested preservation of the paved areas in the front of the building. Mr. Fox motioned to preserve the disabled parking. Linda Dixon asked about acquiring property across the street and suggested it would be good to have land close to the campus core. Ms. Walker stated that this subject has been discussed. Mr. Javahari stated that parking around this area would be closed due to construction and would have to be relocated for an estimated time of 1 ½ years. He imparted, in reference to any concerns for room for the lay-down area, that the area required is not as large as first speculated.

**ACTIONS:** Robert Miller requested a motion to approve building project. Chris Hughes expressed concerns again with the disabled parking areas. Ryan Mezzell suggested motion to approve with the stipulation of mitigation regarding the disabled parking. Mr. Miller asked that the disabled parking be a consideration in the motion approval. Motion was presented by Mr. Mezzell, Gary Zetrouer seconded the motion with mitigation as part. Small discussion after motion included the committee assisting with the parking mitigation and decision about costs in what ever is proposed. Motion was approved.

**IX. Other Business and Adjournment– Bob Miller**

Carol Walker introduced a UF ground-lease project with venture capitalists, the “Alexandria” parcels. These are designed for a 40 year lease with an option for extension. The project finalization will go to the State of Florida and design will be in accordance with UF standards. Chris Hughes asked about the use of these proposed buildings. Ms. Walker stated that the building would house offices and research facilities. Companies from Canada and Chapel Hill, N.C. would be contributing to the development of this commercial property. There would be some parking provided at this site, however Ms. Walker stressed that this was not a University of Florida project and she was imparting just the information.

Mr. Miller inquired regarding any further business. Mr. Fox asked about interested persons for chairing committee. Gary Zetrouer stated a desire for further research on carpool parking. He noted concerns with the requirements going from three people to two people and the increase in pricing for carpool decals. Increase pricing may discourage “fudging” in carpooling areas. Mr. Fox stated that in the 5 years carpooling has been on campus it has been a sustainability catalyst and, although there are concerns regarding misuse and abuse, these are being addressed accordingly. Mr. Miller asked for a history of the carpooling program for the next meeting. Chris Hughes addressed parking at the libraries during games days. Mr. Miller asked for an email to be sent to him regarding this issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.