TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES: August 14, 2007

Members Present:  
Mike Katovich  
Bob Miller  
Ron Siders  
Gary Zetrouer  
Sharon Rush  
Bob Bates  
Heather McAuslane  
Chris Hughes  
Ata Sarajedini  
Bob Hockman

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

Non-Members Present:  
Ron Fuller  
Cydney McGlothlin  
Dan Cromer  
David Stopka  
Rebecca Nagy  
Jordan McBee

I. Call to Order, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes, Chair

The minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting were presented to committee members for review and approval. Mike Katovich indicated a correction needed to be made to the minutes. The correction (from the UF-206, Graduate Studies Building (Hough Hall) discussion) is as follows (strikethrough deleted and underlined added):

The total impact on parking is 236 spaces. There are currently no plans for replacing lost parking with this project. There was discussion related to the use of any UF property on the east side of SW 13th Street. It was determined that the available space on that side of the street was too small to be significant would not recover the 236 spaces but could be used for partial mitigation.
It was moved by Bob Miller and seconded by Bob Bates to approve minutes as amended. The motion carried without objection.

III. **TAPS Director Update – Ron Fuller**

**DISCUSSION:**

New Decal Year

- Student decals were mailed out to students last week. No problems as of yet.
- A special express pick-up for on-line orders will be set up at TAPS which should serve to reduce wait time even more.

New Garage

- A Design-Build Team, Cummings, Inc., has been selected for the new garage.
- It is unclear as to the impact on the existing TAPS office during construction.
- The Motorhome/RV program administered by TAPS, specific to the Small Commuter Lot, will not be impacted for the 2007 football season.

New Parking Maps

- A new interactive parking map is now available on the UF website.

GreenRide

- An enhancement has been added to the service to capture potential matches along a route coming into UF, rather than only in proximity to where a person resides.
- An enhancement is soon to be implemented which will allow students and VA employees to use the system for ridesharing purposes.

Gale Lemerand Crosswalks

- Staff met with FDOT on-site. FDOT has agreed to place a sign on westbound Archer Road to warn motorists of a pedestrian crossing.
- PPD addressed landscaping and signage that blocked vision of both motorists and pedestrians.
O’Connell Center Parking Lot Sidewalks
- Construction is complete for the interior sidewalk from Gale Lemerand Drive to the garage.
- The second phase from the garage to the western end of the lot is currently underway.

Carol Walker mentioned that a protest had been submitted by one of the firms not selected for the Design-Build of the next garage. The Committee will be kept updated.

IV. Harn Museum Asian Art Wing, Programming Phase – Cydney McGlothlin

**DISCUSSION:**

Project Manager, Cydney McGlothlin presented a site plan for a new building, parking deck and relocated parking for the Harn Museum. The new building would be constructed on the NW corner of the existing complex with the parking structure between this building and Hull Road. The site plan also relocates most of the existing visitor parking from the east of the complex to this new parking structure. Increased landscaping would then be constructed to make the entrance more aesthetically pleasing.

Concerns were raised that this new location entrance may be too close to the intersection of Hull Road and SW 34th Street, which may cause backups during rush hours.

**ACTION**

It was moved by Ata Sarajedini and seconded by Bob Bates to approve, with concerns, the programmatic site plan as presented. The motion carried without objection.

V. Steinbrenner Band Building Crosswalks – Cydney McGlothlin

**DISCUSSION:**

Project Manager, Cydney McGlothlin presented a crosswalk striping plan to address pedestrian safety during construction. The construction fencing closes the sidewalks at the west end of Inner Road on the north side and the east side of Newell Drive at the NE corner of the intersection with Inner Road. The proposal was to add two crosswalks on Newell Drive, one approximately 100’ to the north and the other approximately 100’ to the south of the intersection at Inner Road.
Concerns were expressed that the proposed crosswalks were too close to existing crosswalks to meet UF standards. It was suggested to move the southern proposed crosswalk toward the intersection and to make the northern proposed crosswalk temporary.

**ACTION:**

It was moved by Bob Bates and seconded by Bob Hockman to recommend that the southern proposed crosswalk be moved toward the intersection and to make the northern proposed crosswalk temporary. The motion carried without objection.

**VI. IFAS Request to Convert Commuter Parking to Orange Parking at Webb Livestock Pavilion – Scott Fox**

**DISCUSSION:**

Scott reported that a request had been received from Joe Joyce, Executive Associate Vice President for Agricultural and Natural Resources to convert 10 “All Decal” spaces immediately north of the Webb Livestock Pavilion to “Orange”. The increase in student parking during the regular school year has made it increasingly difficult for the IT staff and visitors to find parking.

**ACTION:**

It was moved by Bob Hockman and seconded by Chris Hughes to recommend converting the spaces to “Orange”. The motion carried without objection.

**VII. IFAS Request to convert 14 “All Decal” spaces at Building 60 to “Orange” – Scott Fox**

**DISCUSSION:**

A request was submitted to TAPS requesting this change because of the increase in student parking at this building. A similar request was approved last year for the building to the immediate south. Since there continue to be empty spaces in this “Orange” lot, the recommendation from TAPS is to monitor the situation and return to the Committee if warranted.

**ACTION:**

The consensus was that no action should be taken at this time and wait for results of TAPS monitoring.
VIII. Idling Guidelines for State Vehicles – Presented for Approval – Scott Fox

**DISCUSSION:**

Scott Fox presented the Proposed Idling Guidelines for University Vehicles for approval by the Committee. Comments were positive. The wording, “strongly encourage” were endorsed by the Committee. There was some concern as to how the word would get out to the University. Scott indicated that there was already a network, either by email, listserves, websites and personal contacts where the message can be delivered.

**ACTION:**

The motion was made by Gary Zetrouer and was seconded by Ata Sarajedini to recommend approval. The motion carried without objection.

IX. Campus Core and Parking Allocation – Scott Fox

**DISCUSSION**

The discussion was related to the item from the previous meeting concerning the new building on the Criser lot and the parking implications. As the new building would eliminate 236 spaces, concerns were raised that some creativity was going to have to be exercised, both on campus and off campus, to mitigate this loss.

Linda Dixon reported that a private developer may be building a parking garage and talks were underway concerning the leasing of portions of that facility to UF.

Dave Stopka, Chairman of the Land Use Committee, emphasized that the advisory Committees of the University need to be focused on common goals and that collectively they have the ability to make a statement. The loss of parking and the implications are a concern to the campus community as a whole.

Gary Zetrouer asked about the possibility of using Criser Hall to house the College of Business functions designed for this new building and moving the student financial office out to the western portion of campus to make it easier for student to access those services. It was indicated that such discussions are taking place.

A question was asked as to the goal of the Transportation and Parking Committee. Dave, Linda and Carol each explained the advisory roles of the various committees on campus.
**ACTION:**

The consensus was to take no action at this time to await further review and analysis of mitigation measures that may be taken.

**X. Parking Impact Fee Discussion – Scott Fox**

**DISCUSSION:**

Bob Miller explained the history and need for a fee to address the impacts on parking that are generated by new construction, often at the expense of existing parking. Mike Katovich asked if they could get a copy of the Utility Impact Fee to use as a model. Scott Fox indicated that he can provide that document to the Committee. Bob Miller indicated that if the Committee desired to move in that direction that staff is more that willing to provide what is needed.

**ACTION:**

No action was taken at this time.

**XI. Selection of Chair – Mike Katovich**

**DISCUSSION:**

After some brief discussion, it was agreed to wait until next meeting to address this item.

**XII. Other Business – Mike Katovich**

**DISCUSSION:**

Bob Bates asked if some signage could be placed in the ARB lot to denote that Disabled Reserved spaces are reserved 24/7. Scott Fox said staff would look at the problem and see if something can be done to accomplish the end goal without the addition of more signs.

**ACTION:**

Scott Fox stated that an addition could be made to the particular sign in question that it is reserved 24/7. The motion was made by Bob Bates and seconded by Chris Hughes to add the statement to that sign. The motion carried without objection.
XIII. Agenda Items for Next meeting – Mike Katovich

    No action

XIV. Adjournment

    The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.