PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2010

ATTENDEES:
Members: Bob Miller, Ata Sarajedini, Ira Harkness, Jana Dannheisser, Sonu Jain, Paul Davenport, Sean Johnson, Pradeep Kumar, Glen Hordemann, Teresa Kauf
Ex-Officio Members: Linda Dixon, Ron Fuller, Brad Barber
Non-members: Erik Lewis, Lionel Dubay, Mark D. Hill, Amanda Burnett, David Looney, Mary Yawn, Ashley Pennington, Matthew Cox, Tracey Copeland (recording)

FACILITATOR: Ron C. Fuller

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Bob Miller moved to approve the October 12, 2010 minutes. Jana Dannheisser seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously approved the minutes.

TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

PRESENTING: Ron Fuller

DISCUSSION:
Ron Fuller gave an update for Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS), covering:

- Maintenance – Work is proceeding on a number of garages, primarily in the Shands area. Restriping and wheel replacement campus-wide is underway. Bike racks have been ordered for the Bartram-Carr area.
- Transportation Access Fee – Meetings have concluded. The final fee (which funds GatorLift/SNAP/etc.) of $7.88/credit hour was set by the students and, according to Bob Miller, has been approved to start next fall.
- Garage Lighting Project – Installing induction lighting at Garage VII should be completed over the break, and fluorescent lighting installation at Garage VIII has been completed.

ACTION: No committee action required.

MUSEUM ROAD@WELCOME CENTER/BOOKSTORE INTERSECTION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTING: Linda Dixon

DISCUSSION:
The subcommittee considered the following 7 alternatives:

1. Relocate existing N/S crosswalk from E side of 3-way intersection to lot driveway
2. Do nothing.
3. Create 3-way stop.
4. Raise the intersection at Museum/Union
5. Install “Do Not Block Intersection” signage
6. Install raised speed hump w/high intensity pavement markings in advance of the intersection
7. Install “Pedestrian Crossing” signage for the crosswalks, including standard W-11 series and in-street “Pedestrian Crossing” Signs

Ms. Dixon presented pros and cons of each alternative and pointed out that none of the options are funded. The subcommittee’s recommendation is that PATAC approve option 1 and consider options 6 and 7.

ACTION:
Paul Davenport moved to approve options 1 and 7, with future discussion regarding option 6. Sean Johnson seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.
HULL ROAD STUDY PRESENTATION
PRESENTING: Jay Brown
DISCUSSION:
Brown-Cullen Engineering, presented the findings regarding their 2-day traffic movement study of Hull Road between 34th Street and Museum Road.

34th Street – The primary improvement they recommend is extending the Southbound left turn lane to accommodate ~ 8 more vehicles. In conjunction with extending the left turn lane, closing the access to Animal Research would allow stacking of another 10-20 vehicles. Also under consideration is an exclusive right turn only in the Eastern-most lane of the Northbound approach (similar to SW 20th Avenue) during the AM peak. A study of the signal timing is scheduled.

Hull Road Corridor – Brown-Cullen’s primary recommendation is to convert the first section of Hull Road from 34th Street to Bledsoe Drive (the main entrance to the Cultural Plaza) into 2-lane sections on both sides so that all vehicles are not merging into the same lane. Eastbound, for AM peak hours and events, this would create a dedicated right turn lane for the Cultural Plaza and a dedicated through lane. Westbound, for PM peak hours, it would create dedicated right- and left- turn lanes (onto 34th Street). Closing the entrance to or making it one-way movement (in or out) would resolve the point of conflict at University Village South. Meetings are scheduled with Housing to discuss this option. Lastly, Brown-Cullen is meeting with RTS to discuss creating a dedicated bus drop-off just beyond Bledsoe Drive to keep buses out of the through lane.

Cultural Plaza Parking Lot – Brown-Cullen recommends improving access to the parking lot, particularly by completing curb cuts, creating left turn lanes, and providing N/S pedestrian connection to the area.

ACTION:
No committee action required.

23RD TERRACE ROAD EXTENSION
PRESENTING: Jay Brown
DISCUSSION:
The project is scheduled to continue IFAS Research Drive to Archer Road via a 2-way road. Dedicated turn lanes and improved signalization are planned at the intersection. Drainage is the primary problem in the southernmost area, so the St. Johns River Water Management District’s requirements will necessitate completion of three retention basins. All elements, as related to Facilities Planning and Construction, Physical Plant Division, and IFAS are in place. This project has been fast-tracked so that it can be completed by the end of Summer 2011 (if funded), when all Stimulus funds must be spent.

ACTION:
Paul Davenport moved to approve the project as presented. Pradeep Kumar seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

2010 CAMPUS MASTER PLAN MINOR AMENDMENTS
PRESENTING: Erik Lewis
DISCUSSION:
Erik Lewis, Senior Planner with Facilities Planning and Construction, presented the Campus Master Plan for approval of proposed minor amendments. This was largely a “housekeeping” issue, as the changes related to projects that have already been approved, cancelled, or completed, but whose status had not updated since 2006.

ACTION:
Bob Miller moved to approve the Plan as presented. Paul Davenport seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
UF-357 CLINICAL TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH BUILDING – DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
PRESENTING: R. Scott Whiddon

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Whiddon presented before the committee to request approval of the building design and for installation of a temporary modular building. Parking plans for the temporary building would include 18 parking spaces, divided accordingly: 2 Disabled, 10 Reserved, and 6 employee spots. Current Institute on Aging and Dept. of Medicine staff have been relocated to either Cancer Genetics or the 1329 Building.

ACTION:
Paul Davenport moved to approve plans as presented. Pradeep Kumar seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

UF-357 – CTRB – PARKING FOR TEMPORARY RELOCATION
PRESENTING: R. Scott Whiddon

DISCUSSION:
The project will result in a loss of spaces. Ron Fuller sought discussion of the $5K/space fee for the lost spots, but the committee tabled this issue until Mr. Whiddon’s next presentation. Per Mr. Whiddon, he and Scott Fox are in discussion regarding the placement of Gated and/or other employee parking. Mr. Whiddon amended the request: to revisit the employee parking at the next presentation and to approve the project with the reserved participant spaces.

ACTION:
Bob Miller moved to approve parking with the 10 spaces. Sean Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Garage 3 Parking – Teresa Kauf suggested that TAPS open the Gated area of Garage 3 to employees on a temporary basis as an incentive to get them to eventually pay the Gated parking fee. The rationale is to do what is necessary to fill up the unused Gated spaces.

No action was taken but TAPS is committed to exploring alternatives to fill the spaces.

ACTIONS:
No committee action required.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:
Committee is to e-mail Ata Sarajedini with agenda topics.

ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.