I. Call to Order, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes, Chair

The minutes of the January 11, 2005 meeting were presented for review.

**ACTION:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried without objection.

III. Director’s Update, Scott Fox

A. The new sidewalk on West Fraternity Drive has cut into the limestone parking lot. As a result, fewer vehicles may park there, the parking pattern is problematic, and cars are exiting over the new sidewalk. Scott Fox and Erick Smith of PPD will present a proposal to the Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Committee on February 14, 2005 to clear approximately 10 feet of overgrowth including several
insignificant trees, widen the parking lot to allow perpendicular parking and use of the eastern exit.

B. Scott Fox is meeting tomorrow with Walker Parking Consultants to develop a program for the re-evaluation of the structural condition of all existing campus parking garages and prioritized accelerated maintenance schedule.

C. TAPS is preparing for the upcoming decal renewal season. All current University parking decals will expire on May 1, 2005, and the sales period for new decals begins on April 1, 2005.

IV. Appeal from Diamond Village Resident, Sonja Keys

Ms. Sonja Keys, a resident of Diamond Village, reported that it is becoming more and more difficult for Diamond Village residents to find parking during the day. She presented a petition signed by residents requesting that parking by Official Business decal holders be further restricted in the Diamond Village lot.

DISCUSSION:

Lt. Snowden reported that Parking Patrollers routinely check this area but have stepped up enforcement recently at the request of TAPS.

Scott Fox reported that a Diamond Village resident brought this concern to the attention of TAPS and Housing last week. TAPS surveyed the lot and discovered an apparent excessive use of Diamond Village guest permits by current students and staff. On one afternoon, 8 out of 11 guest permits were being used by students or staff. He suggested that the problem might be solved by strict enforcement of the policies governing the use of guest permits rather than by restricting Official Business decal parking.

Carol Walker recommended that Diamond Village residents work with Housing and the mayor of Diamond Village to propose policy changes. Scott Fox agreed to schedule a meeting with interested parties to explore solutions to these problems.

V. Proposed 2005-2006 Decal Prices for Approval, Scott Fox

Scott Fox reported that TAPS must strongly recommend an approximate 5% increase in decal prices for 2005-2006. The primary reason is to secure funds to accelerate the current program of structural repairs and maintenance to aging campus parking garages. He presented recent photographs of new conditions in these garages that are cause for concern and a budget showing the projected 5% increase. Some of the price increases proposed will exceed 5% after rounding off to even increments for payroll deduction purposes, so we would announce this as a 6% increase.
DISCUSSION:

Members noted that the proposed increase in student decal prices is only 4.26%, which was agreeable to student members of the committee.

Members asked about investment income and bus rental line items on the budget.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed 2005-2006 prices as presented. The motion carried with one member objecting.

VI. Ficke Gardens Project for Conceptual Approval, Chandler Rozear

Chandler Rozear presented the concept of constructing a 2.84 acre gardens west of Lake Alice and south of the Baughmen Center. The gardens would have a greater variety of plant materials and be designed for easy maintenance and upkeep. The project would involve and consult with all interested parties and stakeholders in the planning and approval process. Some parking will be included, for which low impact parking strategies will be considered.

DISCUSSION:

Bob Hockman asked how the proposed parking would be surfaced. Chandler Rozear indicated that disabled parking spaces would be paved, but that other parking might reside on eco-pavers or something similar. He also suggested that new parking might be relocated south of No Name Road in front of Microbiology.

It was noted that the brick building that serves as the support facility for the Baughman Center floods frequently, and this condition must be addressed somehow at some time.

Scott Fox asked about the existing bus stop in front of the gardens on Museum Road. Chandler Rozear said that it will be relocated south of No Name Road.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the project as presented for conceptual approval. The motion carried without objection.

VII. Old Business
Bob Hockman asked for an update on Bus Shelters, Phase 2. Scott Fox and Zach Jacobson agreed that Student Government would prioritize the list of 10 locations for TAPS, and this list would be used to get the project going.

Bob Hockman reminded members of the list of carry-forward issues from last year’s committee. He asked Scott Fox to provide that list to members for discussion at next month’s meeting.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.