# Minutes of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

## Meeting Information

- **Date:** February 10, 2009
- **Time:** 2:00 PM
- **Location:** 226 Stadium
- **Meeting Called By:** Michael Cook, Chair

## Attendees

**Members:** Bob Miller, Mike Katavich, Michael Cook, Ron Siders, Jon Sheffield, Randall Abbott, Sheri Holloway, Jimmie Hinze, Gary Zetrouer

**Ex-Officio Members:** Carol Walker, Linda Dixon, Susan Norred

**Non-members:** Bahar Armaghani, Cydney McGlothlin, Anthony Offerle, Ron Fuller, Lionel Dubay, Tracey Copeland (recording)

## Facilitator

Ron Fuller

## Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

The committee unanimously approved the December 9th meeting minutes, pending amendment of Osborne Hall’s status from “non-member” to “member”.

## TAPS Budget and Decal Pricing 2009-2010

Ron Fuller gave an overview of TAPS’ [Statement of Net Assets](#) and TAPS’ [Recommendations for 2009-2010 Decal Prices](#).

### Budget

- **Operating Revenues**
  - Examples
    - Decal Sales
    - Fines Revenue
    - Special Events Parking

- **Operating Expenses**
  - Examples
    - Salaries and Fringe Benefits
    - Insurance
    - Postage

- **Other Expenses**
  - Examples
    - Transfer for Retirement of Indebtedness
    - Energy Efficient Lighting Program
    - Parking Lot Resurfacing

He provided detail for several points, particularly the need to increase decal prices by 10% and the fees in the Visitor/Patient garages from $3 to $4, referring to the projected effect on the 2009-2010 TAPS budget.

### Decal Prices

Mr. Fuller explained the rationale used when computing the new prices, with the primary consideration being finding an amount close enough to a 10% increase and divisible by 24 (the number of payroll deductions). Motorcycle/Scooter, Motor Home, and Replacement Decal prices, however, are increasing at higher rates.

This increase is consistent with the Campus Master Plan.

### Conclusions

Jon Sheffield moved to approve the 2009-2010 TAPS Budget. Randall Abbott seconded the motion. Mr. Sheffield then moved to approve the decal price increase. Mr. Abbott seconded the motion; both motions passed unanimously.

### Action

No committee action required.
SOUTHWEST RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION, SCHEMATIC DESIGN REVIEW

Bahr Armaghani, Assistant Director with Facilities Planning and Construction, presented the schematic design plans for the SW Recreation Center Expansion. Among the proposed changes are the removal of 22 parking spaces and relocation of the bike racks and scooter parking. Also, the current full intersection will become a “right in-right out only” ingress/egress. The crosswalk and bus stop will also be moved closer to the intersection at Hull/Bledsoe, relieving the congestion at the current service drive, and connecting to the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. Ron Fuller suggested that Mrs. Armaghani meet with PPD to discuss possible policy violations regarding the relocation/installation of the crosswalk, which she agreed to do.

DISCUSSION

Bob Miller moved to approve the design with the proviso that Mrs. Armaghani present the committee’s concerns to the user group and then report its decisions when she returns in April to present during the Design Development phase. Randall Abbott seconded, and the motion was approved.

CONCLUSIONS

This discussion prompted Mike Katovich to ask if the committee’s recommendation requiring that projects incur a user’s fee whenever parking is removed as a result of construction was approved. Mr. Miller reminded the committee that the recommendation had been approved, but that this project is exempt due to its already being in process when the recommendation was approved.

ACTION

No committee action required.

HARN MUSEUM ASIAN ART WING, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Cydney McGlothlin, Project Manager with UF Facilities Planning and Construction, presented the design development plans for the Harn Museum Asian Art Wing. With the current plan, 5 decal-required spots will be moved, while the 45-spot visitor parking will (so far) be unaffected. Ms. McGlothlin outlined the plans for relocating the loading dock and the various changes to the general area which should not affect parking. Linda Dixon pointed out that the Campus Master Plan includes a garage in this area at some future point.

Mr. Dubay questioned how the project will impact the Camillia (?) Court, and Mrs. McGlothlin detailed how the deliveries will be re-routed.

Mr. Fuller pointed out that there will be three projects in the area in the very near future (SW Rec Ctr. Expansion, Harn Asian Art Wing, and the SHCC).

CONCLUSIONS

Randall Abbott moved to approve the Harn Museum Asian Art Wing as presented. Mike Katovich seconded, and the motion carried.

ACTION

No committee action required.

SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC, PARKING SPACES

Dr. Wingate presented background of the Speech and Hearing Clinic and outlined the problems their patients are experiencing due to lack of available parking. Their primary concern is the safety of their patients under the age of 12, most of whom are autistic and tend to have behavioral issues which prohibit them from being dropped off while their parents search for parking. The clinic has been using St. Augustine Catholic Church’s parking lot as a backup parking option, but construction at the church will soon take away this option. She is seeking recommendations for possible solutions.

Linda Dixon suggested that they try the north side of the Women’s Gym, and Ron Fuller suggested the area near the ticket area.

CONCLUSIONS

Bob Miller moved that Ron Fuller contact the necessary parties to inquire if the Speech and Hearing Clinic could share parking with the Student Health Care Center and/or the spaces near the Stadium student ticket office. Jon Sheffield seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ACTIONS

Ron Fuller/Scott Fox should present their findings at the next meeting.
UF PERFORMING ARTS EVENT PARKING, PROPOSAL

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. Offerle stated that all proposals presented at the last meeting (lenience with tickets, bike lane parking, etc.) had been declined and that he returned to offer two new proposals and seek additional input in order to resolve the University Auditorium parking conflicts.

*McCarty Garage Shuttle Service* – Dr. Offerle proposed that TAPS use a portion of the revenue generated by the parking surcharge currently added to tickets costing over $6 to fund a shuttle between McCarty Garage and the University Auditorium.

*Rescind the Parking Fee* – He suggested that TAPS rescind the parking surcharge, as University Auditorium patrons are paying for a service that they are not receiving. If this fee is rescinded, ticket sales should increase.

Bob Miller stated that he could not endorse either of these proposals, explaining that Dr. Offerle may be misinterpreting the purpose of the surcharge. Funds generated are not location-specific; rather the fee is charged to all special events to support the TAPS operation (parking lot maintenance, etc.).

Mr. Dubay added that supporting either of these proposals would set precedence for other entities that find themselves in the same predicament.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The committee suggested that the UF Performing Arts Center consider contracting with the O’Connell Center to use its “t-shirt” security or a police officer to block off dedicated parking in the Tigert area after parking restrictions are lifted at the current rate of $35/hour, which is probably the cheapest alternative for them to consider.

**ACTIONS**

No committee action required.

PATIENT AND VISITOR GARAGE FEE PROPOSAL – PARKING FEE INCREASE AND DISABLED PARKING

**DISCUSSION**

Ron Fuller and Bob Miller asked the committee for its endorsement of the following proposals before they present at the HSC Transportation and Parking Task Force Committee meeting.

Due to the age and higher maintenance needs of the HSC garages, there needs to be an increase of revenue generated in those garages. Two ways this can be accomplished are: (1) Increase the parking fee in the garages from $3.00 to $4.00 and (2) Begin charging the parking fee for ALL users (disabled parking is currently free with a state-issue placard). Free disabled parking accounts for approximately 12% of the parking in the HSC garages, resulting in a loss of $500,000 in uncollected fees.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Jon Sheffield moved that the committee endorse charging the parking fee for ALL users. Randall Abbott seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**ACTIONS**

Ron Fuller and Bob Miller are to present the changes to the HSC Transportation and Parking Task Force Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Jon Sheffield thanked Scott Fox for attending the IRHA Meeting and for the feedback he provided. Bob Miller also reminded Mr. Sheffield that the completion of Garage 13 should allow for more Red 1/3 parking on the east side of campus, as parking currently designated to staff parking will be freed up.

Linda Dixon asked if the committee would like for Kimley-Horn and Associates to present more information about the Archer Road project, to which Mr. Cook responded that apprising the committee of the next public hearing would be enough since there is no new information that could be provided at this time.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Cook advised committee members to e-mail him or Scott Fox with any items they would like to see on next month’s agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30.