TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES: January 9, 2007

I. Call to Order, Chair

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

II. Approval of Minutes, Chair

The minutes of the January 9 & 19, 2006 meeting were presented to committee members for review. A motion was made by Bob Miller and seconded to approve minutes as presented. The motion carried without objection.

III. TAPS Director’s Update, Ron Fuller

Carpool Program
- 54 carpools have been formed under the new program that was unveiled in December.
- As we expected many of these (45%) are couples where both are employees of UF or Shands.
- Our staff is continuing to consolidate the many small carpool areas into the few larger zones as requested.
GreenRide has over 170 persons registered to date.

Parking Lot Resurfacing
- A prioritized list of parking lots on campus is being developed by an outside consultant.
- Work will be scheduled to take place during the summer, beginning this year.
- Funds will be available to resurface a number of these each year.
- TAPS is interested in any comments from users regarding lots which are in particularly bad condition.

Bus Stop Kiosks
- There is considerable interest, by students, staff and RTS in developing a transit theme for routes on campus.
- We are looking at the feasibility of placing kiosks at stops around campus to better disseminate information.

New Public Terminals in the Decal Office
- Two terminals have recently been installed in the customer service area of the Decal Office.
- Customers are now able to appeal citations, pay fines, order decals and subscribe to the listserv without having to wait in line.

Motorcycle/Scooter Parking
- We are continuing to add new spaces and give structure to existing zones to keep up with the increase in motorcycles and scooters.
- Considerable effort is being undertaken now to address the needs of student athletes.

Triangle Lot
- Committee members may be contacted concerning frustration of commuters who have been displaced from the Triangle Lot.
- At the request of Shands another row of All Decal parking in this lot was converted to Blue.
- It is normal for such a change to not immediately result in a full lot, thus the perception that it was premature.

Decal Prices
- A 10% increase in decal prices was recommended by T&P. However, Administration proposed a 6% increase.

IV. Law School Advocacy Center Project, Howie Ferguson

DISCUSSION:
Howie Ferguson presented a preliminary review of the proposed land use and siting options as they impact parking and circulation (vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian), and recommend approval/denial of these options.

The Advocacy Center is estimated at roughly 15,000 GSF, this facility will house a new courtroom facility and courtroom facility and courtroom support functions, plus offices, meeting/seminar rooms, and support space for “clinics” and other College of Law assets.

The Advocacy Center is looked at as an appendage to the west-end of Bruton-Geer Hall, with or without the demolition of the 3000-SF, single story end of Bruton-Geer Hall.

The project is in the programming stage and A/E selection stage. Design will take place March-October 2007, with construction starting in late Fall 2007 and occupancy in Fall 2008.

At this time there is no anticipated permanent effect on transportation or parking, but may seek to “capture” a portion of the law staff lot for construction lay-down and staging.

**ACTION**

Bob Miller motioned for approval as presented. Ata Sarajedini seconded. The motion carried without objection.

**V. New Parking Structure and TAPS Offices, Fred Rowe**

**DISCUSSION:**

Fred Rowe presented on the suggested locations for the new parking garage and TAPS offices.

**Background**

- Consultant evaluation of 4 different site lay-outs on 2 different sites
  - 2 scenarios analyzed on NE corner of Gale-Lemerand Drive and Mowry Road
  - 2 scenarios analyzed west of the Cancer Genetics/Pathogens site in the “Southwest Research Circle”

- Examined layout options, utilities impacts, traffic impacts, replacement facilities cost, cost to construct, and other site issues
- Road work anticipated at intersection of Lemerand and Mowry as well as Mowry and Hull Roads
- Met with Florida Dept. of Transportation for preliminary discussion of Archer Road impacts
- West Site chosen
Project Summary

- Estimated project budget is $20,764,300.00
- 5-story structure with approximately 900 - 950 parking spaces, 2 elevators and stairwells
- Garage includes TAPS offices
  - Approximately 9,000 square feet
  - Potentially 2-stories with an elevator
  - May sit within perimeter of garage footprint
- Off-site roadway modifications to be performed
  - Turn lanes at entrance, potential enhancements to Mowry Road and Hull Road intersection

Parking Demand

- Cancer Genetics houses approximately 600 students, staff, and faculty in a 280,385 sq. ft. facility
- Pathogens facility will have approximately 100 staff and faculty in a 85-90k square foot building
- Additionally, Garage will provide parking for Veterinary Medicine, HSC, and IFAS’ employees, staff, and faculty as well as main campus

Project Status

- Currently in programming phase
- Project will be financed via bond issuance, but must have site approval first
- Funding availability set for August 2007
- Requesting program approval

UF Master Plan

- Will require an amendment to the Future Land Use map and Parking Garage Locations map
- Consistent with CMP Transportation Element policies
  - Policy 2.5.2 to provide future parking in multi-story garages with liner buildings encouraged
  - Policy 2.5.4 to provide parking in the perimeter areas of campus such as the vicinity of…Archer Road
- Consistent with Campus Development Agreement

Fred is requesting Committee Approval of the Site for the purpose of proceeding to bonding. The project will return to the Committee for Schematic Design approval likely late 2007.

Ata Sarajedini motioned to approve the furthest West 2 Site with the suggestion that the TAPS buildings be removed and resurfaced. Bob Hockman seconded. The motion carried without objection.
VI. Research Support Building 787, Frank Tipton

DISCUSSION:

Frank Tipton presented on The Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences new office building. The building is 2600 square feet and the project budget is $325,000. The building will be located at the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Facility off Millhopper Road.

The building will be constructed using building panels with a slab on grade. The parking for the building will consist of a lime rock surface with approximately 5 spaces including a handicap space.

The handicap parking space will be concrete with signage and striping. The start date for construction is approximated to be late summer with completion at years end.

ACTION

Bob Miller motioned for approval as presented. Bob Hockman seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

VII. Other Business

Susan Norred spoke about UFPD being advised by the Alachua County Clerk's Office that they will no longer accept traffic fine waivers for bicycle moving and non-moving violations effective the end of February 2007.

Those receiving citations during February can attend the Bicycle Traffic Safety Class in the month of March and those waivers will be accepted. This change comes from a review of all court and fine procedures.

The Bicycle Traffic Safety Class was started in the fall of 1994 and has continued with a letter of approval from the judges. Those first judges who approved of the program are no longer in position and the current sitting judges are not supportive of continuing the practice stating that they do not have the authority to grant the waiver.

As a result, we are investigating other options to keep the Bicycle Traffic Safety Class continuing in our educational process. As of now the options we are considering are:

1) Officers issue warning tickets for violations.
2) Officers issue a "UF Ticket" for the violation (either moving or non-moving) to cite for the violation, require a fee and attendance in the bike school. If a student fails to pay the fine and attend the school, they would be referred to Judicial Affairs. If staff/employee fails to pay the fine and attend the school, the information would be forwarded to their supervisor for disciplinary recourse.
3) Florida traffic citation
NOTE: If violator is not affiliated with UF then options 1 & 3 would be appropriate.

The change to a UF ticket process will require a rule change. The earliest this would be put into effect will be June of 2007.

Bob Hockman discussed parking problems at the vet school. He said he has received a number of complaints, primarily from students unable to find parking. He stated that it was only going to get worse as the next building project for the school would most likely be constructed on an existing parking lot. He said he would be coming to the Committee in the future as plans develop.

VIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.