PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES  FEBRUARY 2, 2010  10:00 AM  206 TAPS

CALLED BY: Ata Sarajedini, Acting Chair

Members: Ata Sarajedini, Glen Hordemann, Teresa Kauf, Sheri Holloway, Mike Katovich, Gwen Creel, Paul Davenport, Bob Miller

ATTENDEES

Ex-Officio Members: Scott Fox, Linda Dixon, Brad Barber

Non-members: Ron Fuller, Patricia Jordan, Sue Alyassin, Linda Leucking, Robert Fregosi, Chandler E. Rozear, David Sammons, Tracey Copeland (recording)

FACILITATOR: Scott Fox

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ORIENTATION

Prior to the approval of minutes, Mr. Sarajedini asked the attendees to introduce themselves for the benefit of visitors.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mike Katovich moved to approve the September 8, 2009 minutes. Paul Davenport seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

TAPS DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

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

- **Semester Rush**—There were 2-3 days of long lines in the TAPS lobby at the beginning of the Spring semester, due to students not taking advantage of purchasing decals at the end of the Fall term. *NOTE: Students were not able to print temporary permits Spring term, but TAPS’ intent is to implement this for the start of each term.*

- **New TAPS Offices and Garage**—With the exception of a portion of Level 2, the garage is operating at full capacity. The offices are a tremendous improvement, and staff has transitioned well. *NOTE: The SW Parking Garage is the first to ever receive LEEDS Gold Certification; it is expected to receive Platinum status after a few minor improvements.*

- **Old Building Site**—The old TAPS buildings were demolished and, along with the graded portion of the old parking lot, the area was converted into a “green space”.

- **Pony Field Restoration**—Temporary pavement has been removed, and sod will be installed soon. Conduit for future lighting and irrigation has already been installed.

- **Fee Increase to Patient/Visitor**—The parking fee increased from $3.00 to $4.00 at the Patient/Visitor garages associated with Shands/UF as well as at the pay lots at the Museum and the Orthopedics Center. Disabled parking at the pay facilities is no longer free – the $4.00 fee is now required. All surface spaces designated for the disabled, however, are still free.

- **GatorLift**—Another Senior Driver retired; the position has been filled, and GatorLift is fully staffed. TAPS also added a part-time driver in order to keep up with increased demand for GatorLift services. Student Traffic Court approved the purchase of a new (3rd) clean diesel vehicle.

- **Zipcar**—The Zipcar program has been achieving consistent usage rates in excess of 40%, in contrast to usage rates in the low teens to mid-20’s when TAPS started managing the program in July.

ACTION

No committee action required.

REQUEST FOR VISITOR PARKING SPACE AT THE HUB

David Sammons, Dean of the UF International Center (IC), requested that the committee approve recommendation of a dedicated IC visitor parking space at the Hub.
While there were some parking spaces created in the area west of the HUB/International Center in November 2008, these spots are usually occupied by service vehicles. IC staff have been parking in the crosshatch-marked dumpster area, which in addition to being illegal, blocks the loading dock. Mr. Fox suggested that the International Center purchase a reserved parking spot in the area to replace their Official Business permits, stressing that this spot could not be used as “convenience parking” or to upgrade parking for IC employees.

Mike Katovich moved to recommend that the International Center be allowed to purchase a reserved spot in the HUB area. Teresa Kauf seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously approved.

**2010 – 2011 BUDGET AND DECAL PRICES**

*Budget/Decal Prices* – Scott Fox presented the 2010–2011 TAPS budget, with projections based on employee decal price increases of 0-, 3-, 6-, and 10 percent; increasing cost of motorcycle decals to equal that of a vehicle decal; and increasing the cost of Official Business Permits.

*Expenses* – Sherri Holloway questioned the significant increase between the 2009-2010 and projected 2010-2011 Auxiliary Overhead expenses. Bob Miller explained that UF Chief Financial Officer, Matt Fajack, determined that TAPS needed to increase its contribution from 3% to 8%.

**ACTIONS**

Paul Davenport moved that the budget be approved with no decal price increase. Mike Katovich seconded the motion. The motion passed with majority vote of 4 (for no increase) to 3 (approve w/increase of 3% or 6%).

**CITATION LATE FEE PROPOSAL**

Scott Fox presented a proposal to change TAPS policy regarding late fees. The current policy allows a one-time $5.00 late fee to be imposed after 30 days. The proposed policy will allow a $10 late fee to be levied after 15 days. The new policy should: create a sense of urgency to pay or appeal citations promptly; reduce administrative expense and collections effort; reduce burden on Student Financial Services and UPD.

**ACTIONS**

The committee voted unanimously to approve the new policy.

**ADDITIONAL PARKING AT WILMOT GARDENS**

Linda Leucking and Chandler Rozear requested that the committee recommend adding wheel stops to the grassy area at Wilmot Gardens. Among concerns against making permanent parking there were: potential erosion, limited visibility, difficult enforcement.

**ACTIONS**

The committee voted that Wilmot Gardens should experiment with improved signage limiting parking in the current configuration, then revisit the issue at the next meeting.

**DECAL RE-DESIGNATION PROPOSAL AT THE BLEDSOE AND LARGE COMMUTER LOTS**

Mr. Fuller presented TAPS’ proposal to re-designate half of the 108 –space Red decal parking area in the Large Commuter Lot on Gale Lemarand Drive to Commuter (Green), as the Commuter (Green) area is usually full by 9:30 am, while the Red area has a one-third occupancy and Hume Garage (Red) typically does not fill up.

**ACTIONS**

The committee voted unanimously to approve Mr. Fuller’s recommendations for both parking lots.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

During the TAPS Update, Mike Katovich and Teresa Kauf asked what TAPS’ plan was in regard to the Gated section of Garage 3, as it is underutilized. Scott Fox responded that the HSC Transportation and Parking Task Force is also working to determine the fairest way to determine who gets offered parking.

**ACTIONS**

No committee action required.
AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Eastside Campus – Linda Dixon will provide documentation of the impact that construction on the Eastside Campus will have on parking there.

DISCUSSION

Inner Road – Scott Fox will follow up on recommendations concerning Gated parking in this area, as it is severely underutilized.

ACTIONS

Committee is to e-mail Scott Fox with agenda topics.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:44.