TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES: April 11, 2006

I. Call to Order, Chair

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

II. Approval of Minutes, Chair

The minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting were presented to committee members for review. A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as presented. The motion carried without objection.

III. Director’s Update, Scott Fox

- Commuter decal eligibility requirements have changed from 110 credit hours to a classification of Graduate/Professional Students.
- The new 4-semester student decal has been implemented in decal sales at the TAPS office.
- During the weeks of April 10-21, TAPS will be at the Shands Atrium for decal
renews and sales.
- Gates at the Pony Lot have been installed and will be ready to be used June 5, 2006.

IV. Biomedical Sciences Building, Frank Javaheri

DISCUSSION:

Frank Javaheri provided summary of the proposed building under design for the new Biomedical Sciences Building. This is for a combined programming / Conceptual Schematics Design and is on fast track for start of construction later this year.

This building will be 7-9 floors at about 163,000 GSF and at approximate construction cost of $68M with a total project cost of nearly $92M. The building is being designed to be placed on the west side of the Communicore building, covering the loading dock as well as demolishing the existing bridge walkway, with some sort of connections to the existing Communicore, Basic Sciences, and Pharmacy buildings.

Further information regarding the staging for construction and vehicular and pedestrian traffic control will be provided on a later committee presentation. There will be no additional parking provided under this project as the 2005-2015 UF Master Plan has capped the allowable new parking spaces on campus and located new garage sites.

This project will not interfere with the UF Master plan. Frank added that this has already gone in front of the LVL and Land use committees and the Land use committee has also approved the plans contingent upon approval by the T&P Advisory Committee. Frank then requested approval of the T&P Advisory Committee for the Programming / Conceptual Schematics design of this project.

Question was raised as to where the parking spaces that will be taken away by this building be placed?

ACTION:

A motion was made and seconded with one objection. Motion carries with one opposed.

V. Nanoscale Research Facility, Howie Ferguson

DISCUSSION:

The Nanoscale Research Facility will provide clean room and laboratory space for multi-disciplinary research of the nanosciences. The total building size was reduced to 54,000 GSF compared to the original 80,000 GSF.
Along with the size reduction, the occupancy has decreased from 30-35 to 20 permanent faculty/staff and from 60 graduate students and users to 30. The final DD site plan includes 16 total parking spaces, including (4) H/C spaces and (1) to be devoted to carpool and/or other alternative fuels vehicle.

The project however, will not provide a new 18-wheeled vehicle turn-around drive, but re-aligned and widened service drive, racks for bicycles, and ADA-compliant paths of travel at the NW corner to and from the main NRF entry are still included.

**ACTION**

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

**VI. IFAS Request, Building 116 Parking**

A letter was written to Scott Fox with concerns about the parking situation the IFAS employees of Building 116 are contending with. They have expressed that Mowry Road has become a problem due to the number of commuters - mainly students – who have found the area to be more convenient to campus than the designated areas to the west of campus. IFAS is asking to change the decal area directly behind Building 116 to “Orange”.

**ACTION**

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

**VII. Car Pool Parking and Sustainability, Bob Hockman**

Topic is held over until May meeting.

**VIII. Motorcycle/Scooter Parking Issues, Ron Fuller**

**DISCUSSION:**

In the last four years, motorcycle and scooter decal sales have increased at a higher rate than any other decal at UF. With this increase of motorcycles and scooters, a problem has risen. Throughout campus there have been motorcycle and scooter zones that have been over flowing.
Some complaints have been that cars parked near these zones have gotten scratches on them as well as other complaints that some motorcycles and scooters get locked in the middle of the zone and cannot get out without having to move someone else’s vehicle and possibly damaging property.

Ron Fuller and Erik Erazo have conducted field tests by temporarily marking spaces and having motorcycles try them out. They have also been conducting surveys which are given to those who come to purchase “Motorcycle/Scooter” decals.

The results have shown that structured motorcycle and scooter parking is possible and preferable according to users.

**ACTION:**

No action to be taken. This was an update.

IX. Other Business

- Nominations for a new Committee Chair will be emailed out.
- A rescheduling of the May Committee meeting will be emailed out.

X. Corry Village Shared Parking Proposal, Scott Fox

Discussions continue with Housing and the residents of Corry Village regarding the possibility sharing the underutilized parking spaces there with Commuter decal holders.

Representatives from Corry Village came to the meeting to voice their concerns about sharing the parking lot. Their concern was mainly about the safety of their children and an influx of traffic going through the loop.

There was a proposal of using the bottom area as shared parking as well as having a gate.

**ACTION:**

The committee went on a field trip around Corry Village to gain a better lay of the land.

XI. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.