PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES  JULY 13, 2010  2:00 PM  206 TAPS

CALLED BY:  Bob Miller, Acting Chair

Members:  Glen Hordemann, Bob Miller, Jimmie Hinze

Ex-Officio Members:  Linda Dixon, Ron Fuller

ATTENDEES

Members:  Glen Hordemann, Bob Miller, Jimmie Hinze

Non-members:  Dennis Hines, Michelle Rollen, Billy Gainey, Lionel Dubay, A. Miles Albertson, Rod Clements (presenting), Chandler Rozear (presenting), Fred Rowe (presenting), Tracey Copeland (recording)

FACILITATOR  Ron Fuller

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Glen Hordemann moved to approve the June 8, 2010 minutes. Bob Miller seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously approved the minutes.

TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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

- **Steamline/Chilled Waterline Projects** – These projects (in the Buckman Drive, Biomedical Services Bldg., Infirmary Service Drive, and Mallory Service Drive areas), are expected to be completed before the Fall semester starts.

- **Outside Bus Service Follow-up** – Outside bus services were not scheduled to begin using the new loading area until August. However, since the construction fence for the new bus shelter was erected last week, the outside bus services began using the turnaround. Parking, loading, and boarding all went smoothly, as the bus passengers naturally filtered over to the new loading area.

- **Pony Field** – This area has been turned over completely to Recreation Sports.

- **Bus Shelters** – Construction of the new bus shelter at the Large Commuter Lot has begun. Other shelters are scheduled for Microbiology and Cellular Science near Lakeside Residence Hall (Museum Rd.) and the Counseling and Wellness Center (one on each side of Radio Rd.). Chandler Rozear is working closely with TAPS on these.

ACTION

No committee action required.

EASTSIDE CAMPUS PARKING UPDATE

Fred Rowe, Project Manager with Facilities Planning and Construction, updated the committee on parking at the Eastside Campus project. According to Mr. Rowe, several dynamics are preventing finalization of a parking plan for the site. Chief among them are UF’s continuing negotiations to purchase land on the north side of the site; re-location of the footprint for the proposed Data Center; and the loss of one proposed paved parking lot near the Hurricane Research Building.

DISCUSSION

Although the complete parking plan has not been finalized, there are expected to be 367 spaces available on “Day 1”. Most parking lots will be lighted, and there are security cameras (connected to UFPD) monitoring the area. UFPD also has PSTs and officers patrolling the site. Plans for three gated entryways (vehicular/pedestrian) and bus shelters (one each on Waldo Rd. and 23rd Ave.) are also complete.

ACTION

Committee requested that Mr. Rowe contact the committee and present again whenever there are any significant changes to the project.

CENTER DRIVE CROSSWALK STUDY

Jay Brown, of Brown and Cullen Engineering, Inc., sought feedback on the presentation of their study of the crosswalks on Center Drive.

DISCUSSION

From a three-day field reconnaissance and various drawings, Brown and Cullen identified the existing conditions signage and lighting, as well as a total of 12 crosswalks along the relatively small corridor along Archer Road and Center Drive. In addition, they noted dangerous conditions such as illegal pedestrian crossings, speed of vehicles and visibility issues. From this, they developed several short-, mid-, and long-term
improvements.

Short-Term
The primary concern for the short term is to slow down the traffic on either end of Center Drive. This can best be accomplished by installing speed humps immediately after the turnoff points at Archer and Museum roads and improved signage. They also recommended installing more highly visible in-road, breakaway speed limit signs.

Mid-Term
Mr. Brown recommended revising the sidewalk and placing a barrier immediately off Archer Road to direct pedestrian movement to a new crosswalk. Further down Center Drive, near HPNP/Communique, they suggested changing the grading along the sidewalk to prevent vehicles from parking or “standing” there and to help direct pedestrians to new crosswalks. He also suggested some curb relocations, as well as minor modification to the parking lot driveway, the loading dock, and the bus stop.

Long-Term
Brown and Cullen suggested that the ultimate solution to the problems along Center Drive would be to straighten the road from the Mowry/Center intersection to the creek, add left turn lanes, and make the Mowry Rd./Center Dr. intersection a four way stop, incorporating a new entrance to the Shands loading dock. These improvements would increase visibility and make more room on Center Drive, particularly around the Biomedical Sciences Bldg.

Linda Dixon reminded the committee that Brown and Cullen are only seeking input, as there is no money to implement any of these improvement plans, although surplus from the Biomedical Sciences Bldg. project may help with the short-term plans.

ACTION
Brown and Cullen will present again when costs are figured for the plans.

PORTABLE CLASSROOMS AT PK YONGE

DISCUSSION
Rod Clements and Chandler Rozear of Physical Plant Division (PPD) presented their project, which proposes to place portable classrooms at PK Yonge on the grassy and paved areas currently used as overflow parking for ballgames and performances.

ACTION
Glen Hordemann moved to approve the project. Jimmie Hinze seconded the motion, and the committee approved the project as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION
Bus Shelters at Veterinary Medicine Paving and Expansion (UF-313N) – A. Miles

DISCUSSION
Albertson informed the committee that bus shelters have been added to the project as recommended at the June 8th meeting.

ACTIONS
No committee action required.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION
Eastside Campus – Bob Miller requested that Mr. Rowe return with any changes.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:41.