PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 12, 2009 | 2:00 PM | 226 STADIUM

MEETING CALLED BY: Gary Zetrouer, Acting Chair

ATTENDEES

Members: Teresa L. Kauf, Ronald A. Siders, Bob Miller, Gary Zetrouer, Jimmie Hinze, Mike Katovich, Pradeep Kumar
Ex-Officio Members: Scott Fox, Linda Dixon, Brad Barber
Non-members: Lionel Dubay, Ron Fuller, Patricia Jordan, Bahar Armaghani, R. Scott Whiddon, Tracey Copeland (recording)

FACILITATOR

Scott Fox

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ron Siders moved to approve the April 14, 2009 minutes. Bob Miller seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

TAPS DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

- Faculty/Staff Decal Sales—Currently in the throes of faculty/staff decal sales. Most faculty/staff ordered online, so the lines are much shorter, and the wait time in line is not as long as it has been in the past. There has been an increase of 720 faculty/staff decals, primarily from Shands staff.
- Fall Student Decal Sales—Scott Fox informed the committee that TAPS plans to introduce printable temporary permits which will be valid during the lag time between decal order and receipt. In response to Brad Barber’s inquiry regarding the reproducibility of these permits, Mr. Fox stated that TAPS is taking steps to prevent fraudulent use (i.e., requiring license plate number, vehicle description, etc.). Furthermore, as both Mr. Fox and Bob Miller pointed out, the benefit of reducing the line/wait at the TAPS office outweighs the risk of having counterfeit permits in use, particularly since the time frame during which the permits would be valid is so short. If this new permit proves to be successful, TAPS will implement the process for the next faculty/staff order period.
- New Garage—The topping out event for the new garage was held on May 4th and was well attended. The offices are expected to be ready for occupancy in late August.
- GatorLift—TAPS is interviewing for a replacement for Gil Dannells, who is retiring. The new GatorLift shuttle was delivered yesterday (5/11) and is currently at PPD being readied for use.
- Recent Maintenance Completions—
  - Resident’s Lot (Garage 3) is having new roof coating and striping done.
  - O’Connell Center crosswalk hatches have been completed.
- Management of New Parking at Shands—Met with Shands to finalize the transition management of the new 550-spot garage South of Archer Road and the 250-space manned patient lot, with regards to ensuring that equipment, decals, etc. will mesh with the existing garages.

No committee action required.

SOUTHWEST RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL

Bahar Armaghani, Assistant Director with Facilities Planning and Construction, presented this project before the committee for the final time, the Design Development phase. There have been no changes in the design since the last time Mrs. Armaghani presented before the committee. She sought approval of design as presented.

Mike Katovich moved to approve the design as presented. Ron Siders seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
NIH STIMULUS PROJECTS,
PRELIMINARY SITE APPROVAL

DISCUSSION

- **Emerging Pathogens Institute Addition** – a 4-story 36K gross square foot (GSF) addition that will house High Computational/Mathematics and Bioinformatics.
- **Institute on Aging** – a new 3- to 4-story 37.5K GSF building that will house new Clinical Research and Support Space. The prospective building site will occupy the current TAPS trailers location.
- **Food Safety and Nutrition** – a 5-story 32K GSF addition which will house new Laboratory and Support Space.

ACTION

Bob Miller moved to approve the three sites as presented. Mike Katovich seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

TURLINGTON HALL FOOD SERVICE ADDITION,
PRELIMINARY SITE APPROVAL

DISCUSSION

Scott Whiddon presented to the committee to approve the preliminary site, a 1-story, 3000 GSF addition to Turlington Hall. The addition will include an information area to replace the information “hut” currently located outside between Turlington and the Hub. Linda Dixon pointed out that this addition would help to alleviate congestion at the Hub, particularly around the bus stop.

ACTION

Mike Katovich moved to approve site as presented. Jimmie Hinze seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

REQUEST FOR CROSSWALKS FOLLOW-UP,
TWO LOCATIONS

DISCUSSION

Scott Fox, Ron Fuller, Patricia Jordan (IRHA President), Ken Osfield (Coordinator w/EH&S), and Clark Collins (Engineer w/PPD) met to discuss the East Hall and Springs crosswalks. Neither Mr. Osfield nor Mr. Collins recommended approval of the East crosswalk, although they did endorse sidewalk improvement in that area. Everyone involved was amenable to the crosswalk at Springs. Scott Fox responded to Bob Miller’s inquiry as to the exact location of the proposed crosswalk: close to the curve on Fraternity drive, further east of Springs and closer to the intersection.

Ms. Jordan asked the committee to keep the East Hall crosswalk in mind, in light of the prospective sidewalk improvements. Linda Dixon reminded the committee that there is a future PECO-funded project scheduled to demolish/rebuild the current Mechanical Engineering building, and that a new sidewalk, etc. is a part of that.

Bob Miller suggested that he and Ms. Jordan meet with various organizations (e.g., Student Government, IRHA, ADA, etc.) to find funding for the East Hall crosswalk.

ACTIONS

Bob Miller moved that the committee approve the Springs crosswalk and leave the door open for future discussion of the East Hall crosswalk. Mike Katovich seconded, and the motion carried.

SELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2009-2010

DISCUSSION

Scott Fox reminded the committee that the new year starts in August and suggested that the committee vote now to have a new chairperson in place. He also apprised the committee of Mike Cook’s willingness to remain in the position.

Mr. Fox also brought forth the possibility of electing a Vice-Chair, who, as Mike Katovich pointed out, functions as representative for the Infrastructure Committee in addition to serving as back-up at the PATAC meetings.

ACTIONS

Bob Miller moved to keep Mike Cook as committee Chair. Jimmie Hinze seconded, and the motion carried.

Jimmie Hinze moved to elect a Vice-Chair for PATAC. Mike Katovich seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.
OTHER BUSINESS

NEW GARAGE:
- Mike Katovich asked what solutions TAPS has come up with to accommodate increased traffic in the area of the new garage. According to Scott Fox, there will be three ways in and out: West — out onto Gale Lemerand Drive (right only); East — to the service drive between the garage and the cogeneration plant; and South between the garage and the Center for Aging.
- Teresa Kant asked if there would be an adjustment to the traffic signal at the intersection of Gale Lemerand/Mowry. Mr. Fox replied that, at the present time, there are no plans to make any changes. Ron Fuller then explained that the traffic signals are operated by the City of Gainesville, not the University. Linda Dixon added that there would be some campus signal changes as part of the citywide upgrades.
- Mr. Fox informed the committee that the new garage will house: Gated, Carpool, Blue, Orange, and Commuter parking.

PONY FIELD:
- Gary Zetrouer asked when Pony Field would close. Mr. Fox replied that TAPS would look to re-sod and return the field shortly after the beginning of the new year.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL CHANGES:
Jimmie Hinze asked if the traffic signal at Gale Lemerand/University Avenue can be placed on an automatic delay. According to Linda Dixon, UF is responsible for the equipment, but the City of Gainesville does the timing and program changes.

ACTIONS
Linda Dixon will talk to the City about the committee’s concerns and will relay the information.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION
Mike Katovich questioned whether there needed to be a meeting next month, due to summer slowdown. Scott Fox suggested that the meeting could be cancelled if there were no major agenda items.

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

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 3:05.