PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 8, 2012  2:01 PM  206 TAPS

ATTENDEES:
Members: Ata Sarajedini, Ray G. Thomas, Stephanie Sims, Sheri Munn,
Ex-Officio Members: Scott Fox, Chandler E. Rozea, Brad Barber
Non-members: Ron Fuller, Bill Smith, Adam Boudreaux, Joyl Zg (?), Nina Shubert (recording)

FACILITATOR: Scott Fox

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Ata Sarajedini asked for a review of the previous meeting’s (April) minutes and requested a motion for approval. Ray G. Thomas moved to approved, seconded by Sheri Munn. Minutes were approved by the committee with no changes.

TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE
PRESENTING: Ron Fuller
DISCUSSION:
Ron Fuller gave an update for Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS), covering:
- **New Campus Parking Map** – Regular maps will be available sooner than the passport-style maps which will be ready by 5/17. Discussed was the possibility of a mobile application for maps similar to the RTS bus routes. Noted was that RTS pays for the bus app, Student Traffic Court pays for the maps. The parking map app could be considered for the future.
- **New Bike Racks at Gator Corners** – New bike racks are being used and functioning well. More racks will be ordered for other area. Bike racks at Turlington are the next to be replaced. The new racks will increase capacity in that area and provide a consistent look. Major Barber inquired as to when the racks would be replaced. Scott Fox stated that the replacement would be over the summer; however the racks had not been ordered yet. The replacement will be done in sections.
- **Retro-fit Lighting Completed** – Lighting project is completed in Garage IX. Positive feed-back.
- **O’Connell Center Parking Lot Relining** – The O’Connell Center lot will be closed for relining of the compact car spaces to increase space size and make the spaces usable. The area is Gator Booster parking during sporting events. These spaces, currently 7’4”, will be restored to a regular size, 8’4” to 8’6”. There will be a decrease of 20 spaces, though now these spaces will be utilized.
- **Repaving Fraternity Row Parking Lot** – The Fraternity Row parking area was a patchwork of pavement and will now be an even surface. Student Traffic Court is paying for the project at $222,000.

ACTION: No action was needed

CROSSWALK ANALYSIS - MCCARTY DRIVE
PRESENTING: Chandler Rozea
DISCUSSION:
Chandler Rozea presented the crosswalk criteria, the prosed area for the crosswalk and an aerial view of the area. Environmental Health and Safety ordered a curb-cut on the opposite side of the proposed crosswalk. The curb-cut would be completed by the end of the day. Chandler presented and discussed data he collected in the area by tracking pedestrian, bus and bike traffic flow.
stated that vehicle counts in the area and there are 1050 vehicles traveling in that area daily. The committee discussed whether or not the curb cut would present a liability and safety issue if there were crosswalk present and if a speed bump or elevated crosswalk would be possible. Scott Fox stated that pedestrian use a direct route to destinations and the crosswalk would not necessarily provide this. As well, crosswalks do not guarantee safety while crossing the street and the liability for safety is then transferred to a vehicle driver.

**ACTION:**
Ray Thomas proposed posting a sign at the crosswalk. There was no response from the committee. Ata Saradejini asked for more tracking data from Chandler. The committee decided to defer and review the crosswalk in the fall, pending follow-up traffic flow data.

**UF – 286 HARRELL MEDICAL EDUCATION BUILDING**
**PRESENTING:** Bill Smith

**DISCUSSION:**
Bill Smith asked the committee for site approval. The building will be 4 to 5 stories, possibly 6 stories and located on the north side of the HSC in which is now a dirt lot. This building will be for technology and education. This building site is part of the Master Plan. Bill Smith indicated there will be a loss of parking for reserved spaces, state vehicles and commercial vehicles and that there was no mitigation plan. The parking loss will be 84 spaces in the dirt area and 67 in the paved area. The project has a proposed budget of $44 million, of which 1/3 is currently available. There is no designer yet. In this project the dirt lot will be lost, however the paved areas will be retained.

The committee discussed concerns regarding the loss of parking with no mitigation plan and the site location next to the creek and in a flood plain. The committee discussed as well the loss of the impact fee for state vehicles. The mitigation and the impact fee loss would be negotiated by the Vice President’s office.

**ACTION:**
Sherry Munn proposed accepting the site as presented, though with parking mitigation. Ata Sarajedini officially moved to accept and Ray Thomas seconded. The committee passed the site approval with said provisos.

**IFAS PROJECT - 11085**
**PRESENTING:** Adam Beaudreaux - IFAS

**DISCUSSION:**
Adam Beaudreaux presented a handout with the footprint and aerial map of the project site. Project is due for completion December, 2012. Although there will be no changes in parking for the new building area, 30 parking spaces will be moved temporarily. Noted was that the lot is not a full lot. There was a parking request for one visitor space and one space for a low-emissions vehicle (LEV) docking station. Scott Fox suggested the visitor space be metered as it would be less expensive for IFAS. Ron Fuller suggested parking in the field close to the building. Adam indicated that IFAS was preserving the area. As the east side of Fifield will be blocked through the construction period, the west side of Fifield Hall may need to be negotiated for RV parking during football season.
ACTION:
Ray Thomas moved to approve the project site with the proviso that any existing issues discussed would be worked out. Sheri Munn seconded and the committee passed the motion for site approval.

UPDATE – PARKING FOR EVENTS AT IFAS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUILDING
PRESENTING: Scott Fox – TAPS
DISCUSSION:
Scott Fox presented information and updates regarding event parking for the Straughn Center. Parking lots around the Veterinary Medicine complex are being used for this event parking. There were initial complaints from Vet Med regarding being displaced for these events. Most of these parking areas are green decal and to mitigate some displaced parkers, the roof of Garage 9 has been changed to green decal parking. Ray Thomas asked if IFAS were paying a use fee and Scott stated that no fee was being paid. Scott listed reserve space options:
  • Purchase reserved space permits
  • Restriction lift fee for the spaces
  • Have UPD barricade and patrol reserved spaces

Ray Thomas suggested installing meters similar to the Welcome Center with no displacement to occupied areas.

ACTION:
There was no action required by the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Discussion:
There was no old business presented.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:
No other proposed items for next meeting’s agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ray Thomas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sheri Munn. Committee meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.