TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES: September 11, 2007

Members Present: Mike Katovich, Bob Miller, Ron Siders, Gary Zetrouer, Michelle Foss, Jordan McBee, Ryan Mezzell, Sharon Rush, Daniel Schwimmer, Paul Mueller, Chris Hughes, Paul Davenport, Junior Theogene

Ex-Officio Members Present: Linda Dixon, Scott Fox, Jeff Holcombe, Carol Walker

Non-Members Present: Ron Fuller, Richard Fearn, Andrew DeVault, Lionel Dubay

I. Call to Order – Mike Katovich

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

II. Approval of Minutes – Mike Katovich

The minutes of the August 14, 2007 meeting were presented to committee members for review and approval. There was no discussion. It was moved by Paul Davenport and seconded by Gary Zetrouer to approve minutes. The motion carried without objection.
III. Future Meeting Schedule – Mike Katovich

Mike Katovich opened the floor for discussion of changing the time/day of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee. With so many new members, he wanted to ensure that the meetings were convenient. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ryan Mezzell and seconded by Ron Siders to keep the meeting day on the second Tuesday of each month but to change the start time from 2:00 pm to 1:30 pm. The motion carried with no objection.

IV. TAPS Director Update – Ron Fuller

DISCUSSION:

New Decal Year
- Lines at the decal counter were longer for a more sustained time frame than we have experienced in the past.
- Staff will be meeting next week to review and analyze the process.

New Garage
- Work is progressing on the plans.
- The small commuter lot north of TAPS offices continues to be the site under review.

GreenRide
- An enhanced interface is now available which opens the program up to a wider variety of users.
- We will soon be announcing the improvements in conjunction with a program change to offer prizes throughout the year to registrants.

RV/Motorhome Program
- We are off to a good year. The first two games have been relatively quiet.
- The Tennessee game may prove a bit more of a challenge.

There was brief discussion concerning the potential of a lost RV/Motorhome lot when construction begins on new garage. Scott indicated that TAPS was already looking at what the options are on replacing that lot.

Carol Walker mentioned that a protest which had been submitted by one of the firms for the Design-Build of the next garage had been withdrawn.
V. Parking Impact Fee Discussion – Scott Fox

**DISCUSSION:**

This topic was discussed at the last P&T meeting. The issue at hand is that new construction often consumes existing parking spaces and there is no provision for replacement. An impact fee would allow a funding source for adding additional parking. Scott presented a summary of what some other universities are implementing. It was stated that no other SUS schools have such a fee. In drafting a policy, the Chilled Water Impact Fee may be used as a template.

A typical fee for an affected surface space could range between $3,000-$5,000 and a garage space, upwards of $20,000. A question was raised concerning the availability of any grant monies for parking facilities. None were mentioned. Carol Walker stated that no PECO funds could be used for parking facilities.

Paul Davenport stated that the university is at a crisis point regarding the dwindling amount of parking on campus.

The question was raised that although monies could be banked through an impact fee, it would still remain unclear where new parking would be built. Linda Dixon briefed the group on the Master Plan and displayed a map indicating where new buildings and parking facilities have been identified via the planning process. A question was asked about future parking in the core campus area. Linda indicated that the lot west of Tigert, a twin at the O'Connell Center and one at Vet Med, has been identified.

The point was made that the Campus Cab and RTS were factors in coping with some of the lost parking.

**ACTION**

A motion was made by Paul Davenport and seconded by Chris Hughes to require parking for new building on existing lots be in proximity to the new building and that all lost spaces be replaced. After a brief discussion, the recommendation was proffered to form a subcommittee to look at the issue. This resulted in the motion being withdrawn.

The subcommittee consists of: Paul Davenport, Jordan McBee, Chris Hughes and Michelle Foss. Staff members assisting the subcommittee are Carol Walker, Linda Dixon, Scott Fox and Ron Fuller.
VI. Campus Ministry Cooperative Request – Scott Fox

**DISCUSSION:**

Scott was recently asked by Rabbi Goldman, head of the Cooperative, for consideration of a permit to clergy for events that may occur on campus requiring the services of a local minister, priest or rabbi. Currently, TAPS provides one free parking permit to religious organizations (upon proof of tax exempt status) when visiting Shands.

There was considerable discussion relating to the actual need such organization may have on the main part of campus. There was no support of taking action at this time.

**ACTION:**

Scott was asked to contact Rabbi Goldman to invite him to the next P&T meeting.

VII. Selection of Chair – Mike Katovich

**DISCUSSION:**

Mike asked if Chris Hughes was still the Infrastructure representative from P&T and he indicated that he was. Mike then reiterated the requirements of the Chair.

**ACTION:**

It was moved by Paul Davenport and seconded by Sharon Rush to nominate Mike as chair for another year. Mike agreed. As there were no other nominations, the motion passed without objection.

VIII. Other Business – Mike Katovich

**DISCUSSION:**

Bob Miller asked for a volunteer from P&T to serve on the Student Transportation Access Fee Committee. This Committee makes a recommendation to administration regarding the per credit hour rate students pay for RTS services.

Linda Dixon mentioned the opportunity for interested P&T members to serve on the Transportation Work Group.
**ACTION:**

Gary Zetrouer volunteered to serve on the Student Transportation Access Fee Committee.

**IX. Agenda Items – Mike Katovich**

**DISCUSSION:**

Items identified were:

a. Campus Ministry Cooperative Request - Rabbi Goldman  
b. Van Pool Representative – VPSI, Inc.  
c. Update from Linda Dixon on the Archer Road redesign  
d. Flex Car Program update – possibly invite Allan Preston from PPD.

**X. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be on October 9th at 1:30. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.