PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009  2:00 PM  226 STADIUM

CALLED BY: Michael Cook, Chair

Members: Frank Sardinha III, Emily Bootcheck, David Yergey, A. Sarajedini, Mike Katovich, Joseph N. Wilson, Bob Miller, Jimmie Hinze

ATTENDEES

Ex-Officio Members: Scott Fox, Linda Dixon

Non-members: Brad Barber, Ron Fuller, Frank Javaheri, Irene S. Soria, Yen-Wen Shao, Tracey Copeland (recording)

FACILITATOR

Scott Fox

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ORIENTATION

In lieu of distributing a formal meeting packet, Scott Fox directed new committee members to parking.ufl.edu/PATC/orientation/main.html to acquire it. New and returning committee members then introduced themselves. NOTE: Mike Katovich requested that the orientation website be corrected to reflect that the PATAC committee chair is elected, not appointed by the Vice President as listed, and that the membership allocation as noted may need correction. Mr. Fox stated that the language came directly from the “Committees” page provided by the Provost’s office, but he would review the orientation website and make necessary corrections.

FUTURE MEETINGS – SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

The committee was asked to determine a meeting time/day/location that would be convenient for all members. One alternative location proposed was the conference room at the new TAPS office on Gale Lemerand. Mr. Fox is to send a mass e-mail to all committee members soliciting alternatives to the current schedule (the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in 226 Stadium). Linda Dixon suggested that the committee try to maintain the 2nd/3rd week schedule, as its recommendations also go to other committees, (i.e., Land Use Committee).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Joseph Wilson moved to approve the May 12, 2009 minutes. Mike Katovich seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

TAPS DEPARMENTAL UPDATE

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

- **Student Decal Sales** – All student decals were sold online this year. Students were able to print a temporary permit valid for two weeks in order to cover processing and mailing time. There was seldom more than 15-20 people in line at any given time during the first two weeks of rush. David Yergey informed the committee that there were several students who had problems with receiving their decals within the 2-week period during which the temporary permit was valid. In response, Mr. Fox outlined a few scenarios under which customers may have experienced a delay in receiving their decals: invalid address, delinquent balance on their account, etc.

- **New TAPS Offices and Garage** – The garage opened for parking on the first day of class; staff began moving in the week of September 1st.

- **Resurfacing Projects** – Jennings Hall lot (which was changed from Blue back to Red 1 parking), UFPD parking lot, and the ramp between Garages 2 and 3 were resurfaced/re-striped.

- **GatorLift** – Lynn Hervey was hired as the new supervisor. GatorLift usage has skyrocketed.
- **Zipcar** – TAPS assumed responsibility for Zipcar on July 1st. The new launch, held September 3rd on the Reitz Union north lawn, was very successful. There are four new vehicles: two Matrix and two Scion XB. Bob Miller stated that student response to the program has been positive, and they are hoping to increase faculty/staff usage.

- **GreenRide** – The GreenRide website was recently updated for a more robust interface and the inclusion of a module for conducting Commuter Challenges.

**ACTION**
No committee action required.

**CHEMISTRY/CHEMICAL BIOLOGY BUILDING, INFORMATION AND UPDATE**

**DISCUSSION**
Frank Javaheri, Assistant Director with Facilities Planning and Construction, presented this project before the committee for the second time; his initial presentation was at the April 8, 2008 meeting. There are 108 parking spaces currently, with 40 spaces allocated for disabled parking, all of which will have to be relocated. Prior recommendations made since the last presentation included replacing some of the brickwork with more landscaping and keeping open areas “green”. Parking will likely not be impacted before Summer 2011, as full funding for the project is not expected before 2010-2011. Mr. Javaheri presented at today’s meeting as a project status update and to seek recommendations.

**ACTION**
No committee action required.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**GARAGE 3:**
During the TAPS Update, Mike Katovich asked what TAPS’ plan was in regard to the Gated section of Garage 3, as occupancy has dropped. Scott Fox responded that the Waiting List is being updated to give waiting list candidates access before advertising G3 opening to new applicants.

**INFIRMARY PARKING LOT RESTRICTIONS:**
Also during the TAPS Update, Mr. Sarajedini inquired as to the status of the Infirmary Lot during the periods that parking restrictions are lifted, as the listserv message never mentions this lot. Mr. Fox responded that TAPS is silent on that issue because parking restrictions are never lifted in the patient spaces at the Student Health Care Center. Students should always be able to access the clinics.

**SHANDES GARAGE:**
Joseph Wilson asked if there would be any Gated parking in the new Shands garage on 13th Street. Mr. Fox and Mr. Fuller explained that that garage is intended exclusively for the employees of the new building and that Shands would determine who is eligible to park there. Also, while there is no visitor/patient parking in the garage, there will be a surface lot for V/P parking. This new garage is scheduled to open on November 1st.

**DISCUSSION**

**VICE-CHAIR ELECTION:**
Jimmie Hinze revisited the election of a committee Vice Chair. Mr. Miller moved to elect Mr. Sarajedini. Mr. Katovich seconded the motion and Mr. Sarajedini was elected. Mr. Cook volunteered to serve as representative to the Infrastructure Committee.

**STUDENT CARPOOL**
Mike Katovich asked if TAPS would consider student carpool. Mr. Miller explained that students used to be able to carpool, but there was a problem with “fraud”. He then asked that the student members seek suggestions/recommendations from fellow students to ascertain the viability of revisiting the option.

**SUSTAINABILITY TRANSPORTATION WORKGROUP**
Linda Dixon and Bob Miller provided information about the Sustainability Transportation Workgroup, an informal subcommittee of the PATAC and Sustainability Committees. She made the student members aware that the Workgroup is seeking more student involvement at the meetings, which are so far scheduled to be held the 3rd Wednesday in October and November.
TRAFFIC SIGNAL CHANGES:
Jimmie Hinze asked the committee to revisit the issue of certain traffic signals being placed on an automatic delay. His rationale for making the request was to increase pedestrian safety; pedestrians often make a “mad dash” to cross the street upon realizing that the button that activates the walk signal has not been pressed. According to Linda Dixon, UF is responsible for the equipment, but the City of Gainesville does the timing and program changes. She further explained that the DOT has scheduled an equipment change/upgrade, which should improve signalization at the various campus intersections.

ACTIONS
No committee action required.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION
Mr. Cook asked if there were any items members wanted to discuss at the next meeting, but there were none offered today.

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

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 3:04.