PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 09, 2008 1:30 PM 226 STADIUM

MEETING CALLED BY: Michael Cook, Chair

ATTENDEES
Members: Pradeep Kumar, Bob Miller, Paul Davenport, Gary Zetrouer, Michael Cook, Michelle Foss, Ron Siders, Randall Abbott, Ben Powers, Jon Sheffield, Jordan McBee
Ex-Officio Members: Scott Fox, Carol Walker, Linda Dixon
Non-members: Shen Suwan, Xi Cui, Chris Dingman, Anna Lai, R. Scott Whidden, Lionel Dubay, Ron Fuller, Nagendra Singh Dhakar, Dimitra Michalata, Sherri Holloway, Tracey Copeland (recording)

FACILITATOR Scott Fox

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

According to feedback received from Scott Fox’s e-mail to committee members (including student members) regarding the current meeting schedule, the majority of the members do not find the 2nd Tuesday of each month to be problematic. However, the committee determined that a change to a 2:00 meeting time would be more conducive to improved attendance. NOTE: New members were provided w/orientation packets.

CONCLUSIONS
Committee consensus is to continue the current meeting schedule with a change of time to 2:00.

ACTION
Scott Fox agreed to contact today’s absent committee members to apprise them of the change of meeting time and to verify their continued involvement on the committee.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION/ ACTION
The committee unanimously approved the August 12th meeting minutes.

TAPS DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

- **SW Parking Complex** – Contractor, James Cummings, is drilling for columns. Construction is on schedule.
- **Parking Maps** – Criser-area construction (Hough Hall) will be reflected on the Spring parking maps, which are scheduled to be printed after December.
- **Online Decal Ordering** – Online orders were well below previous years’ totals. TAPS is seeking suggestions for improving student usage of online ordering system.
- **Motorcycle/Scooter and Carpool Decals** – Motorcycle/Scooter decal sales have increased 21%, and Carpool decals have increased dramatically, as well.
- **Re-Signage** – Re-signing of the entire campus is almost complete. Changes include clearer wording, more aesthetic presentation, etc. Feedback regarding the new signs has been favorable.
- **RV/Motor Home Parking** – All 310 spaces under the TAPS reserved program were re-numbered, re-striped, etc. Parking for the first two games has gone smoothly, although there are a few bugs to work out at the former Band practice field.
- **O’Connell West Lot** – Commuter lot will be closed nearly all of September due to drainage/flooding problems at the baseball field, NOT to re-surfacing as has been widely believed. Repairs should be complete by September 26th.
- **Sorority Row** – TAPS will be “revisiting” motorcycle/scooter parking on Sorority Row.

DISCUSSION
**CONCLUSIONS**
Lionel Dubay suggested to both Ron Fuller and Linda Dixon that TAPS and the Office of Sustainability offer information to students regarding the availability of eco-friendly scooters.

**ACTION**
No committee action required.

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**CAMPUS PARKING AND TAPS ORIENTATION**

**DISCUSSION**
Bob Miller informed the new committee members that the PATAc functions in an advisory capacity only, recommending transportation and parking policy changes, addressing transportation and parking issues, and reviewing construction projects, all of which is forwarded to the Vice President’s office. Mr. Miller also discussed the PATAc’s involvement in reviewing the Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) Auxiliary, defining an auxiliary as a unit that does not receive state funding, but instead generates its own revenue. He then detailed where TAPS’ revenue comes from (sale of parking decals, fees from parking garages, etc.) as well as some of its expenses (salaries, equipment, signage, etc.). Mr. Miller also reminded the committee that TAPS’ budget for the upcoming year would be coming before the committee for review soon.

**CONCLUSIONS**
There were no questions about the roles of the PATAc or TAPS.

**ACTION**
No committee action required.

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**STUDENT HEALTH CARE CENTER PARKING PLAN**

**DISCUSSION**
As an overview, Carol Walker explained the process by which University construction projects are presented to and approved by the different committees during various stages, namely: Planning (space needs, budget, construction schedule, and construction site); Schematic Design/Design Development (“footprint” and architecture); and Construction.

Scott Whiddon then began his presentation for PATAc’s approval of the parking plan for Project UF-256 (the new Student Health Care Center [SHCC]), a 22,000 GSF building scheduled to house the SHCC Women’s Clinic, Pharmacy, Mental Health Clinic, and Health Promotions Department.

*Student Parking* – The UF-256 parking plan calls for construction of 16 new spaces for student parking, which include three parking spots for the disabled, one spot dedicated to emergency vehicles, and (to support sustainability) one spot for an electric car. Macguire Village, which does not fully utilize all its parking, has agreed to allow the SHCC to use 12 of its spaces. University Village may also allow student usage of some of its parking spaces.

*Staff Parking* – Staff is expected to park at the Commuter and All Decal lots on the NW and SE corners, respectively, of the proposed construction site.

The parking plan should also correct the loading/unloading problems Physical Plant Division trucks are currently having as well as redirect the FedEx, et al. delivery traffic.

**CONCLUSIONS**
Paul Davenport suggested that UF-256 plans include dedicated parking for SHCC clinicians.

**ACTION**
Deepak Kumar moved to accept the plans as presented contingent upon the inclusion of the three dedicated clinician parking spots. Paul Davenport seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. *NOTE:* Deepak Kumar moved that student members be allowed to vote. John Sheffield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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**MOTORCYCLE AND SCOOTER POLICY REVIEW**

**DISCUSSION**
In response to an increase in pedestrian-motorcycle conflicts as well as advice from the University administration, the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) began treating motorcycles and scooters as motor vehicles as opposed to bicycles by enforcing the new policy restricting motorcycles and scooters within the auto-restricted areas. UFPD reports that enforcement has been easier than expected.
TAPS increased the number of motorcycle/scooter parking spaces to 288 from the previous 209. Most spaces were moved 300-400 feet from their previous locations; there had been fears that motorcycle/scooter parking would be relocated to the SW Rec center area.

Dauer Hall and Aerospace Department employees who ride motorcycles and scooters to work requested that the committee consider making an exception for them, as they arrive before the restrictions are enforced and leave after restrictions are lifted. Students, on the other hand, make 6-10 trips per day.

**CONCLUSIONS**
Paul Davenport recommended that the committee advise on changes to this policy, if any are made. Bob Miller reminded the committee that the long-term goal is to remove all vehicle parking from the auto-restricted zone.

**ACTIONS**
No committee action required.

**SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION WORK GROUP**

**DISCUSSION**
Linda Dixon presented information about the Sustainable Transportation Work Group, an ad-hoc committee that grew out of the Sustainability Committee. This group focuses primarily on sustainable transportation issues i.e., alternatives to driving. The group is seeking new student and faculty members. They meet monthly to discuss non-auto travel issues and have launched initiatives such as the “One Less Car” Promotion currently seen on the Sustainability website.

**CONCLUSIONS**
Bob Miller suggested that Ms. Dixon invite PATAB members to attend the next meeting of the Sustainable Transportation Work Group meeting.

**ACTIONS**
No committee action required.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION**
Paul Davenport requested that floor plans for classrooms be made available on the internet. Carol Walker explained that Facilities Planning and Construction could provide floorplan images upon request and that the registrar’s office and the individual colleges at the Health Science Center can provide classroom information for their respective areas. She stressed, however, that in the interest of security, blueprints of floorplans should remain largely inaccessible.

**CONCLUSIONS**
Mr. Cook and Bob Miller stressed the importance of student involvement.

**ACTIONS**
No committee action required.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**DISCUSSION**
- Fair and Equitable Impact Fees
- Improved Online Decal Ordering System
- Alternative Dates/Times for November Meeting
- Committee Member Schedules

**CONCLUSIONS**
Committee advised to contact Scott Fox with agenda items.

**ACTIONS**
No committee action required.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting was adjourned at 2:45.