PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 8, 2016       2:00 PM  206 TAPS

ATTENDEES:  
Members: Ray G. Thomas, Cynthia Brochu, Katherine Feldner, Mark Leeps, Jay Watkins, Craig Hill, Ben Walker, Daniel Bowen, Cynthia Willming, Janae Moodie  
Ex-Officio Members: Scott Fox, Maj. Brad Barber  
Non-members: Ron Fuller, Robert Hatker, Brian Cook, Jim Morris, Liz Storn, Nina Shubert (recording)

CHAIR: Ray Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:  
Meeting was called to order by Ray Thomas at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
Ray Thomas asked the committee for a review and approval of the minutes from January, 2016. Cynthia Brochu moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Leeps who asked for a change “descending” to “dissenting” in the last action. The minutes were approved with the change.

TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE  
PRESENTING: Ron Fuller  
DISCUSSION:  
• UF Greenway Project Continues – Almost complete.  
• Garage Restoration Currently Underway – For smaller impact, repairs are conducted mostly at night.  
• Replacement of Roof Top Lights - Project is underway to replace rooftop lights on all garages. Replacing yellow sodium light with bright white lights.  
• Garage X retrofit with LED lights scheduled next.

The committee discussion included the expected life of LED lights and the cost comparison and eventual savings from the retrofit. Individually LED lights have a life expectancy of 5 to 7 years and often longer. They do not degrade like other light fixtures. Scott Fox stated that TAPS had been contemplating conversion to LED lighting and had been waiting for it to become cost effective. The cost of the fluorescent lighting realized a savings of 45% to 55% in two years. Although the LED conversion will take three years to be cost effective, the cost savings projection is as much as 66% overall. The increase in savings is tangible and the change, improvement and safety in the lighting is remarkable.

ALTERNATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES DISCUSSION  
PRESENTING: CYNTHIA WILLMING  
DISCUSSION:  
Cynthia Willming introduced an alternative TAPS budget income model to the committee for discussion and consideration. This 5 -year model offered the following:  
• First year - 2% increase in decal pricing, 20% increase in fines and a 10% increase for visitor parking.  
• Second year – 3% increase in decal pricing, 20% increase in fines and a 10% increase for visitor parking.  
• Third year – 3% increase in decal pricing.  
• Fourth year – 3% increase in decal pricing.  
• Fifth year – 3% increase in decal pricing.
The committee discussed the increase decals, fines and visitor parking. There was concern and it was noted that faculty increases are often not commensurate with cost of living increases. Scott Fox offered that the collection of fines money and visitor event parking revenues (game days and other events) was difficult to project. The more egregious fines had been increased last in year’s budget meeting (2015). Increases in fines often translates initially into better compliance, though it is not a lasting impact.

**ACTION:**
The committee was asked to consider this alternative model for decal pricing increases and distribution for future budget meetings.

**PLAZA OF THE AMERICAS RENOVATION**
**PRESENTING: ROBERT HATKER**

**DISCUSSION:**
Robert Hatker presented the planned renovation for the Plaza of the Americas. Noted was this project has been approved by the other University committees to which has been presented. The project has been funded by donations and 80% of the design has been complete. The completed design will be presented to the Historic Preservation Committee for final approval. The parking impact will be the loss of the service drive and the relocation of two reserved disability spaces on the east side of the Plaza. In this area, removable bollards will be installed to control vehicle access and keep access limited from the grass and planted areas, maintaining the integrity of the lawn and greenspace. With the renovations the service drive will be reduced to 14’ which is in compliance with the fire code. There was large discussion by the committee regarding the following points:

- Limited vehicle access - contractor vehicles, University maintenance vehicles and non-road vehicles (such as golf carts).
- The new design of the Plaza – existing trees, sidewalk expansions, seating areas, green space.
- Loss of service drive and disability parking – Parking mitigation fee will be paid by the project.
- Location of the Krishna lunches – being moved to northwest corner of Plaza.
- Emergency vehicle access – Emergency vehicles access and compliance.
- Other vehicle access – To allow for service vehicles and turn around access in the northwest area, some scooter parking will be removed (8-10 feet). These spaces were installed less than 5 years and will have a low impact on area.
- Bike parking – Peak racks installation in area.
- Lighting for Plaza – Safety concerns.

**ACTION:**
The committee was asked to approve the current design as presented. Cynthia Brochu moved to approve and the motion was seconded by Jay Watkins. The committee approved the design.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**
**PRESENTED BY: Ray Thomas**

Dr. John Morris spoke with the committee regarding faculty parking concerns. He spoke of the UAA Office of Student Life building and the parking loss in that area. He asked the committee to advocate for preservation of faculty parking areas as future building construction projects are presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.