PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 13 2:00 PM 206 TAPS

ATTENDEES:
Members: Ray G. Thomas, Cynthia Brochu, Sara Wedemeyer, Craig Hill, Cynthia Willming, Yenisel Cruz-Almeida, Jennifer Clark
Ex-Officio Members: Linda Dixon, Maj. Brad Barber, Liz Storn
Non-members: Ron Fuller, Francisco Oquendo, Cydney McGlothlin, Fred Rowe, Stephanie Sutton, Jack Causseaux, Nina Shubert (recording)

CHAIR: Ray Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting was called to order by Ray Thomas at 2:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Prior to the minute approval there was a requested change in the agenda. TAPS Departmental update was moved to the end of the agenda to accommodate time constraints of presenters. The committee agreed to the agenda change.

Ray Thomas asked the committee for a review and approval of the minutes from June, 2016. Cynthia Brochu moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Willming. The June 2016 minutes were approved.

UF 461- HERBERT WETHEIM LABORATORY FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE
PRESENTING: CYDNEY MCGLOTHLIN
DISCUSSION:
Cydney McGlothlin presented the design phase of the Engineering Nexus Building. As there has now been a donor the building has been renamed the Herbert Wetheim Laboratory for Engineering Excellence. The newest design was presented with changes to the building footprint in relation to plaza area. There were questions and some discussion about the fire lane access and compliance. Presented as well were the building’s internal areas and the design of the external stairwell areas. The design phase will be returned to the committee if there are changes to the fire lane access and pedestrian and bicycle traffic areas.

ACTION:
Ray Thomas asked for a motion to approve the design phase of this project. Cynthia Brochu moved to approve, seconded by Yenisel Cruz-Almeida. The motion was approved.

Uf-608 – PARKING GARAGE XIV
PRESENTING: FRED ROWE
DISCUSSION:
Craig Hill introduced this agenda item by discussing the change of site for Parking Garage XIV. There was an evolving discussion with Land Use and other committees regarding the proximity of the original garage location. Among the concerns were conservation land encroachment. Although not initially on the Master Plan the suggestion was the parking lot across from the Welcome Center be the location for this project. The Board of Governors is on hold for bond financing approval as the change in site has delayed the process 3-4 months. Expect to have all preliminaries for the new site very soon (30 days) and presented at Board of Trustees meeting in December. Seeking bond financing approval in January, 2017.

Fred Rowe then presented the proposed new Garage XIV site. This area is considerably larger and can easily accommodate the garage and perhaps other construction to be proposed. The construction in the area will
cause a loss of approximately 650 spaces in the existing service lot. The committee was concerned and discussed extensively the following items:

- Impact to trees in the footprint area.
- Museum Road and intersection traffic at Welcome Center/Reitz Union.
- Traffic “dumping” at Center Drive.
- Traffic study for the area – Fred Rowe stated that a traffic study would be done.

Craig Hill noted that this new site was proposed only 3 weeks prior. Noted was input from faculty on Land Use Committee assisted in determining the site change.

**ACTION:**

A motion was proposed to approve the new site with the proviso that committee members receive the traffic study as soon as it is completed. Cynthia Brochu approved the motion and Cynthia Willming seconded. The committee approved the site pending traffic study.

**PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY REDEVELOPMENT**

**PRESENTING:** FRANCISCO OQUENDO, PD&C, STEPHANIE SUTTON, EDA

**DISCUSSION:**

Stephanie Sutton presented plans and an architectural rendering proposal for the demolition and reconstruction the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house located on Fraternity Drive. The new house will be two stories and provide aesthetic improvement to the house site. There will be no long term changes to parking in front of the house to the service drive. The project is slated to take place 2017 through 2018 completed by fall of 2018. Included in the laydown area were parking spaces in the front of the location, with an initial loss of 20-22 spaces during the construction period. The current occupants of the house will be living elsewhere during the construction and not parking in the area. The committee still expressed concern and discussed the laydown area and the parking impact in the front of the construction site, although temporary.

**ACTION:**

Sara Wedemeyer proposed and moved that the approval be tabled until the committee had more information about the design phase and the specifics of the laydown area needs. Cynthia Willming seconded the motion. The committee tabled approval until there was more information provided for the project.

**TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

**PRESENTING:** Ron Fuller

**DISCUSSION:**

- Next Garage – Craig Hill discussed the site change again briefly
- Garage IX Space Counting System – Counting cars entering and exiting the garage. The equipment was provided by Parking Logix. Equipment is easy to use. Product is free for 90 days and then cost would be one-time expense of $6500.00. One of the issues to be solved is that the counts are thrown off by people working night shift exiting the garage through the entrance.
- Hull Road Pedestrian Warning Signs – Traffic counts in Orthopedic/Sports Medicine Hilton Hotel area have increased due to realignment of road. Proposed are push button pedestrian signs and raised crosswalks to reduce speeds through the area. There was discussion by the committee regarding pedestrian yields and speed enforcement through this area.
- Gator Gears – Started with 100 bikes. Now at 200 bikes and most are rented. Anticipating demand for more.
- Passport Pay-by-Phone Launch – Agreement with Student Government who want to work out at Southwest Rec Center. Student Government will allow students 2 hour parking. Passport will be used for Welcome Center Garage as well.
OTHER BUSINESS:
PRESENTED BY: Ray Thomas

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.