PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 10, 2017    2:00 PM    206 TAPS

ATTENDEES:
Members: Ray G. Thomas, William Worth, Cynthia Willming, Allen Masters, Nathaniel Reifl(?), Mark Leeps, Craig Hill, Saundra TenBroeck
Ex-Officio Members: Scott Fox, Liz Storn, Brad Barber
Non-members: Ron Fuller, Walker Owen, Howie Ferguson, Francisco Oquendo, Monique Heathcock, Frank Javaheri, Jack Ponikvar, Nadeige King, Nina Shubert (recording)

CHAIR: Ray Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting was called to order by Ray Thomas at 2:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Ray Thomas asked the committee for a review and approval of the minutes from December, 2016. There was one change to insert “Discussion” under the Delta Gamma Sorority project. Saundra TenBroeck moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Allen Masters. The December, 2016 minutes were approved with the change.

TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE
PRESENTING: Ron Fuller
DISCUSSION:
Deferred by Ron Fuller due to large agenda.

UF 620- IFAS BEE UNIT FACILITY
PRESENTING: FRANK JAVAHERI
DISCUSSION:
Frank Javaheri present the schematic design for IFAS Bee Facility. The project is a 7500 ft. building to be constructed near Entomology. The building will have covered walkways and set aside areas for beehives. There are plans for another building in this area as soon as funding is procured. There will be little to no parking impact nor will parking need to be added as the lots by the current buildings are not full. The grass area which occasionally has some service vehicles will be relocated. There will be a designated space for disability parking. There may be some visitors but the facility will provide parking for visitors.

ACTION:
There was a motion to approve the schematic design of the project. Allen Masters moved to approve, seconded by Cynthia Brochu. The project was approved.

MP- 2037 VET MED NEW PARKING LOT
PRESENTING: HOWIE FERGUSON
DISCUSSION:
Howie Ferguson presented the design for an additional parking lot by the Veterinary Medicine facility on SW 16th Ave. The plan adds a 130 spaces to the east side of the facility. The project will be designed and built consistent with the new power plant project at Vet Med, which will undergo design and construction from April, 2017 through May, 2018. Scott Fox explained that the lot has been much needed due the incremental progressive growth in personnel population in this area. Storm water is needed for a planned plant construction, so this is considered in the design for this project.

The committee discussed the following:
• Disability parking – Per EH&S the area exceeds requirements for disability parking so none is needed for this new lot. Spaces near Vet Med building are often unused.
• Trees – Working around heritage oaks. One tree will need to be removed.
• Temporary parking – Gravel lot with one entrance and one exit.
• Parking lot specifics – Asphalt lot with lighting.

**ACTION:**
A motion was set to approve the parking lot project. Saundra TenBroek moved to approve, seconded by Cynthia Brochu. The committee approved the project.

**EAST WEST ROAD REMOVAL OF DO NOT ENTER**
**PRESENTING: BRAD BARBER, UFPD**
**DISCUSSION:**
Major Barber presented a proposal to remove the one way “Do Not Enter” designation at the Fletcher and Murphree area on East-West Road. Currently scooters and some cars travel west in this area anyway. Restoring the road to two way will relieve the traffic back up in the area. The committee discussed these points:

- Crosswalks – No crosswalks will be added, but the lines for the current crosswalks will be repainted.
- Lane designation – A line will be painted to designate lanes.
- Signage – A Dead End/No Outlet sign will be installed. Will determine the best language.
- Traffic in area – Noted that traffic can be heavy.

**ACTION:**
Saundra Ten-Broek moved to approve to make East-West Road two way. The motion was seconded by Allen Masters. The motion was approved.

**ALPHA EPSILON SORORITY HOUSE – RENOVATION/ADDITION**
**PRESENTING: FRANCISCO OQUENDO, PD&C**
**DISCUSSION:**
The committee was presented with the renovation and addition for the Alpha Epsilon sorority house. The project is to be completed by summer, 2018. The addition will be 2,500 square feet to the house located on northeast corner of US 441 (SW 13th Street) and 9th Avenue. There is no access from the house to US 441 and there is none planned for this project. The project will preserve the area’s trees. Regarding parking, the laydown area will use some of the current parking, but the impact will be minimal. Discussion also included:

- Overlapping of other projects – Safety concerns with other parking disruptions.
- Pedestrian gate - Located at the end of the parking area allowing scooters entrance and exit to SW 13th Street. The gate will not allow scooter access, but is ADA compliant in size.

**ACTION:**
Saundra TenBroek moved to approve this project and the motion was seconded by Sara Wedemeyer. The committee approved the project.

**CHI OMEGA SORORITY – RENNOVATIONS**
**PRESENTING: FRANCISCO OQUENDO, PD&C**
**DISCUSSION:**
The project is to renovate the existing Chi Omega sorority site located on Panhellenic Drive. The design is to building a new front entrance area and add 2,400 square feet which will include a new kitchen and expand the house mother’s living quarters as well as add four bedrooms. The project is slated to begin summer 2017 and will go only slightly longer than the beginning of the fall semester. There will be very little impact to parking and the project will be protecting the area trees. Noted was the project will be presented to the Land Use Committee.
ACTION:
A motion was set to approve this project and Cynthia Brochu moved to approve with Cynthia Willming seconding the motion. The project was approved.

SAFETY ISSUE – RIGHT TURN ON RED AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
PRESENTING: RAY THOMAS, CHAIR
DISCUSSION:
Ray Thomas presented to the committee concerns regarding right-on-red traffic options at intersections at Museum Road. This traffic movement allowance is a pedestrian safety issue. Some of the suggestions from the committee for correction included:

- Signage -
- Timing of lights
- A “leading green” – Walk light comes on before the light turns green. Would need to be coordinated with the City of Gainesville.
- Diagonal crossing options.
- Raised crosswalks – Not possible and very expensive.
- Tunnel – No underground construction.

There was extensive discussion by the committee about accidents in the intersections along Museum Road. The intersections are at Gale Lemerand Drive, Newall Road and Center Drive. Major Barber said he would provide incident reports to the committee. Noted was that bicycles have most of the issues at crosswalks. It was asked if lighting were adequate in these areas. Consensus was that the lighting is generally good in most of the crossing areas, although some could be improved.

ACTION:
This was presented for discussion only, however the committee was asked to consider the suggestions of additional signage and reworking of the lights and the crossing areas. A lighting tour will be planned to make sure all lighting is adequate and to identify any areas in need, if any.

PROPOSAL FROM CHI PHI FOR SCOOTER PARKING
PRESENTING: CHRISTIAN SUTTON, HOUSE MANAGER
DISCUSSION:
Presenters not in attendance.

ACTION:

OTHER BUSINESS:
PRESENTED BY: Ray Thomas
DISCUSSION:
Nadeige King spoke with the committee about designated expectant mother parking on campus. Although at this time expectant mother parking is not considered, TAPS will do a study to see if this parking designation is possible. Suggested were alternative transportation options to get around campus such as Campus Cab, Gator Lift and SNAP.

ADJOURNMENT:
Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.