PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 14, 2017    2:00 PM    206 TAPS

ATTENDEES:
Members: Ray G. Thomas, Cynthia Willming, Cynthia Brochu, Keith Rambo, Sara Wedemyer, Mark Leeps, Craig Hill, Sheri Munn, Ben Walker, Jay Watkins
Ex-Officio Members: Scott Fox, Matt Williams, Brad Barber
Non-members: Ron Fuller, Francisco Oquendo, Megan Walker-Radthe, Mary Kay Caroline, Clay Sweger, Robert Hatker, 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 January, 2017. Changes were to the MP-2037 Vet Med New Parking Lot adding “power plant project” will go from April, 2017 through May, 2018. The December, 2016 minutes were approved with the change.

TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE
PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS
DISCUSSION:
• Bike Racks at Plaza of the Americas – Due to the renovation project bike racks at the Plaza of the Americas have been moved, but will be replaced/installed when project is completed. The racks will be Peak racks. Racks will be installed away from walkways; will not impede pedestrian flow. It was asked the number of bike slots and there are more than 3000. The count is 18,000 bikes associated with the University.
• New Maintenance Supervisor – Tony Wicks is the new maintenance supervisor for TAPS.
• Wheel Stops at Vet Med – The temporary lot installation on the east side of Vet Med will have 54 spaces, possibly a few more.

ALPHA EPSILON SORORITY HOUSE – PARKING ON SW 9TH AVENUE
PRESENTING: SCOTT FOX, TAPS
DISCUSSION:
Scott Fox presented an advisory to the committee regarding current parking at the Alpha Epsilon sorority house which is going through renovations/reconstruction. The discussion pertained to 8 parking spaces next to 9th Avenue which force parkers to back out onto the road. This presents safety concerns. The area has a very low curb, but no curb cut. The committee inquired as to if a curb cut was planned for the area and it is not in the construction plan and there are no plans to change the area. The sorority request that no changes be made as this parking has been as it is now for decades. The committee asked and there are no other house with curb cuts. It was suggested that this could be a liability for the University and it was suggested that there be a new policy regarding this type of situation.

ACTION:
The committee discussed approving the project and retaining the 8 parking spaces provided there were other conditions. The committee would like to draft or see drafted a policy for off-campus parking areas with/without curb cuts. Sherrie Munn moved to approve with this condition and Cynthia Willming seconded. The motion was approved.
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS
PRESENTING: RAY THOMAS, CHAIR
DISCUSSION:
Ray Thomas offered a discussion to the committee regarding electric car and hybrid campus vehicles. The goal is to have at least 10% of the University fleet as electric vehicles. There are current negotiations for 10 additional plugs around campus which will accommodate 20 vehicles. The committee discussed compatibility with all vehicles. Tesla is the exception, but there is an adapter available. The discussion included:

- Communication - Alerting owners of new stations around campus.
- Electric consideration in new garage(s) and parking lots – Plans for charging stations in the new garage and in other parking lots.
- On line locater – GPS for charging stations.
- Solar panel charging for stations.
- Power/electricity billing for departments – Separate meters for charging stations.

ACTION:
This presentation was for discussion only.

UF 619- INSTITUTES OF BLACK AND HISPANIC-LATINO CULTURE – ADVANCED SCHEMATIC PHASE
PRESENTING: ROBERT HATKER, PD&C
DISCUSSION:
Robert Hatker presented the schematic design for the Institutes for Black and Hispanic Culture. The project will be doubling the square footage for the institutes. The buildings will have the same set back from the road, but will be moved to the edge of the property line. The areas trees will remain, per Land Use design. Some of the parking will be removed by this project for elevators, buildings’ programming space, restrooms and common areas. Parking impact will be 10 spaces which includes two disability spaces. There are 17 space in the area total, 8 are Orange decal spaces. These are currently utilized by library staff, these vehicles do not move during the day. The committee discussed the following:

- Number of visitors – 50 students on average daily; 500 during an event.
- Bicycles – Bikes racks will have a designated area.
- ADA spaces – The two required spaces will remain. Noted is that they are seldom utilized.
- Mitigation fee – There is space loss mitigation fee in the project.
- Parking area – Area is flat. No curb cuts required. Dumpsters in area do not belong to UF. The parking areas are combined and exit will be along the quiet street behind the buildings.

ACTION:
A motion to approve this project was set by Cynthia Brochu and seconded by Jay Watkins. The schematic phase was approved.

2017-2018 PARKING DECAL PRICING
PRESENTING: SCOTT FOX, TAPS
DISCUSSION:
Scott Fox presented a plan to raise decal prices for employees to pay for new projects around campus. These projects include the new garage and other parking lots. Per the State of Florida there is to be price increases for students. These price increases is to be presented to the bond committee to assist in bond approval for the new garage. These increases are compatible with other universities’ decal pricing, such as UCF. The committee was concerned about the fairness of faculty and staff baring burden of cost of the new garage and that students would have priority parking. The new garage will designed to accommodate other customer groups as well as some students. Cynthia Willming discussed the decal increases she has proposed in a previous meeting to the committee. She had discussed other revenue sources. From that there are other revenue sources being implemented or will be implemented soon:
• Raised prices in the Welcome Center garage (Garage XII)
• Event parking revenue
• No complimentary parking – All parking will have a fee.
• Pay-by-Phone in the Welcome Center garage.
• Moving to license plate recognition – Moving to a “virtual decal.” Saves on decal printing and mailings’ overhead.

The committee discussed extensively:
• UAA Gated parking at the stadium and events - Event days are “friendly, but not free.” Ending the past allowances. Charging for game day parking and other events.
• New garage - User groups, traffic study, 1500+ spaces

ACTION:
This presentation was for discussion. The approval designation was changed on the agenda.

DISCUSSION OF SNAP SERVICES
PRESENTING: CYNTHIA WILLMING, PATA
DISCUSSION:
Cynthia Willming presented to the committee an experience she had with utilizing SNAP. The experience occurred on an evening when there was a University alert of a possible active shooter. She was staying late and needed to use SNAP to get to car. Overall her experience was not a good experience and she suggested a crisis management plan for SNAP. The committee discussed extensively the following:

• Reinstatement of the ‘walking buddy” program.
• Route planning software – Use for SNAP and Campus Cab.
• Per Major Baber
  o Officers will respond and provide escort per availability.
  o If areas are off limits, SNAP will not be sent into that area.
• Communication
  o SNAP is equipped with police radios and is advised of alerts.
  o SNAP app
  o Identification of stops
• Ridership – peak hours
• Dispatch software

TAPS is considering crossover transportation opportunities with SNAP, Campus Cab and Gator Lift. There currently crossover for late hours with Gator Lift.

ACTION:
This was for committee discussion.

DISCUSSION OF STUDY PREPARED FOR SPECIAL PARKING CONSIDERATIONS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS
PRESENTING: SCOTT FOX, TAPS
DISCUSSION:
Scott Fox presented a study from compilation of other universities accommodations for expectant mothers. Recommendations are being considered and the individual who presented this idea to the committee at the January meeting has been contacted. Noted is that being an expectant mother is not considered a disability and many pregnant mothers are uncomfortable with the designation. Some solutions include:

• Temporary accommodation with a doctor’s note or a state disabled placard.
• Gator Lift – Intended for any physical accommodation.
• Campus Cab

**ACTION:**
No action. For presentation as a follow-up and discussion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**
PRESENTED BY: RAY THOMAS, CHAIR
DISCUSSION:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion to adjourn by Sheri Munn. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.