

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2017

Voting Members in Attendance:

Andrew Bahlmann
Elliot Kauffman
Jeremy May
Ruth Manny
Elise Myers

Guest in Attendance:

None

General Meeting

- I. Open Forum

Committee Meeting

- I. Welcome/Roll Call
- II. November Meeting Minutes were approved.
- III. Workshop Review – The Board of Regents video was reviewed, went through several scenarios of parking rates and zone parking, good discussion with several action items that will be covered in this meeting.
- IV. FY2019 & FY2020 Parking Rate Discussion
 - a. Changes in Revenue
 - Will be working with LPR Enforcement, which will increase the efficiency and productivity of the enforcement. In addition, we will start enforcement on weekends. With the combination of those two, projecting a 20% increase in enforcement revenue for next year. Slight change to Visitor/Event Parking Rates from every half hour to every hour (\$2/hr.) will increase visitor parking revenue approximately \$100,000.
 - b. Changes in Expenditures
 - Reduction of Parking Lot Maintenance @ UH to \$500,000 for FY2019. Reduced UHSL Parking Lot Maintenance to \$100,000 for FY 2019 & FY2020.
 - Elimination of the UH Katy Shuttle Service in FY2020 would eliminate \$400,000.
 - Debt Service Coverage Ratio per meeting with Raymond Bartlett, Sr. Assoc. VC/VP Finance, could go as low as 1.08 for a short term only (FY2019), but would need to return to the 1.15 by FY2021 & FY2022.

- Discussion by committee members regarding concerns that the UH campus will need to subsidize the UH Katy campus for the unforeseeable future. UHPTS being asked to fund 400 spaces parking lot, approximately \$2.5 million. One of the concerns for the Katy campus is there are several businesses in close proximity to the campus with very large parking lots that set empty during the day therefore, getting students, faculty, and staff to pay for parking at Katy campus will be a challenge. (Question of who made the decision that PTS has to cover the initial expense for parking at the Katy campus? Dr. May wanted to inform Faculty Senate of what is going with parking so that they may address their concerns with the appropriate individual.) Dr. Messa said all parking for the UH system falls under PTS. She agreed to get all the right individuals to facilitate a meeting with Faculty Senate to explain the decisions that were made for the Katy campus.
- Proposed Rates changes for FY2019 & FY2020, went from a range of 16% per year discussed at the TPAC workshop to 10% per year. Commuter students will park in the student parking zones in surface lots or at UH Garages. In FY2020 the RHE reserved Lot 21A parking permit will be discontinued and all residents will need to purchase either a Resident Zone or a Resident Garage permit at a premium rate compared to commuter students.
- Source of Revenue Comparison – UH to 4 Peer Texas Universities, (UT San Antonio, UT Austin, Texas A&M, and North Texas University). There were 3 areas that stand out; 52% of UH PTS revenue is from student permit parking compared to 24% of the peer institutions. Transit Fee revenue at the peer institutions is 25% compared to nothing at UH, and 9% Athletic revenue at peer institutions compared to 1% at UH. UH relies on their ungated surface lots to fund our garages as compared to our peer institutions that rely on their garage permit sales.
- **Motion:** Move to adopt the rate structure as proposed, no 2nd was voiced. Andrew open the floor for discussion. The majority of the committee disagreed with the increase in parking rates as it was presented. Stating that staff can't afford the ungated parking rate being proposed, location and cost of the parking, and subsidizing Katy campus parking, and the proposed parking guidance system. Dr. Messa said with the parking guidance system PTS will be able to more precisely determine or hit the oversell. The College of Architecture did a presentation where they studied the ROI on Parking Guidance System (PGS). They projected that you would be able to sell an addition 200-300 permits per garage. Which would allow PTS to put more permits in the garages. The other benefit of the PGS is to more precisely look at Frontier Fiesta and football parking and let them know that they are using this many spaces during an event, and provide them with a report to back it up. Currently we are using the "Loop Counter System" which is not as accurate as the Parking Guidance System. Lengthy discussion on the concerns of the Citation System, revisit Athletics arrangement for lot spaces, weekend and event usage, being able to maximize the untapped revenue and continuing to increase parking rates moving forward. A compromise with the ungated

percent increase in line with the others ranges might be more acceptable to the body. Initially the increase was to keep the lots from being in the Zone status and alleviate hunting for a space. The mention of a departmental card for faculty and staff that have to move around campus that is paid for by the department. After much discussion the new **motion** – Move to adopt the amended parking rate plan with amended student garage and ungated faculty/staff annual permits as stated, 2nd, motion passed. Amended figures are as follows:

• Faculty/Staff	FY2019	% Increase	FY2020	% Increase
	\$390	12%	\$430	10.0%
Student	\$650	16.1%	\$715	61%

V. Zone Parking

1. Committee wanted to table vote until next meeting but asked Dr. Messa to address the BOR to consider “Naming” garage issue and as a recommendation from the TPAC Chair she can facilitate the discussion with BOR what transpired in the meeting. The next step would be for the TPAC committee to forward their reservation/concerns to the TPAC Chair in order for him follow up with Dr. Messa.

Adjournment 3:40pm

Next Meeting

Date: January 19, 2018

Time: 1:30p – 3:30p

Location: PTS Conference Room, Stadium Parking Garage