

Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 23, 2015

Place: Student Center South, Heights (Rm 224)

Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Attendees: Shawn Vaillancourt, Patrick Cirino, Shara Zatopek, Bill Ashley, Lynn Smith, Matthew Castillo, David Kazanci, Elliot Kauffman, Nikonj Soni, Esmeralda Valdez, Bob Browand, Paul Lozano, Syed Kamran Riaz, Clifford Kennedy, Hira Ahmed, Darius Dunn, Leighanne Dean, Eric Holoman, Pam Collins, Travis Wisely, Robert Spencer, Kristen Ernst, Linda Steber, Tanzeem Chowdhury, Shaun Smith

I. Open Forum

a. Frontier Fiesta

i. Review of 2015 event:

1. Included Lots 12A & 12B
2. Increased event attendance by 7, 083.
3. More diverse programming and entertainment
4. More collaborations

a. Variety shows and carnival booths

ii. Request for 2016

1. Use of Lots 12A, 12B adjacent to TDECU Stadium
2. One day tear down schedule March 27, 2016
3. Need assistance with the signage to let students know that lot will be closed

iii. Frontier Fiesta discussed to have a 5 year agreement for the use of parking areas.

iv. Bob further discussed that the discounted fee offered last year will increase with the new plan for the use of parking lots.

v. Voting was done for approving the Frontier Fiesta plan for the use of parking lots for 5 years and recommending to move forward the plan to Auxiliary Services for final approval.

1. Motion to vote: first by Matthew Castillo, seconded by Elliot Kauffman
2. All in favor

II. Election of 2015-2016 Officers

a. Nominations for Vice Chair

- i. David Kazanci – first by Tanzeem Chowdhury, seconded by Elliot Kauffman
- ii. David was elected with a unanimous vote

b. Nominations for Chair

- i. Elliot Kauffman – first by Tanzeem Chowdhury, seconded by David Kazanci
- ii. Elliot was elected with a unanimous vote

III. Approval of September minutes – Minutes were approved without changes.

IV. Updates

a. Communications/Marketing (Eric Holamon, Leighanne Dean)

- i. Game Day-messaging, web, social media
- ii. Messages for Thursday, October 8
 - Student initial/reminder message
 - Faculty/Staff initial/reminder message
 - Stadium Garage Student Reminder
- iii. Next Game Day Saturday, October 31
- iv. Cougar Preview, Saturday, October 17
- v. Social Media use review

b. Operations (Paul Lozano)

- Scope of work for the 2016 Summer Maintenance Project will begin starting next week and hope to have it completed by Mid-November
- Gravel Lot Update
 - a. Pot holes were repaired and the surface was graded at the Leek Street Lots, Lot 8A, and 19C
 - b. Yellow Bollards placed in Lot 8A to keep cars away from parking from the fence

c. TDM (Pam Collins)

- Distribution of METRO Cards Issued through PTS
 - Discount Student Q Fare – 848
 - Discount Student Day Pass – 98
 - Ride Sponsor (faculty/staff) – 175
- Zip Car
 - 11 New Members (September – October 2015)
 - Utilization increased 24%
 - 411 total approved members

d. Upcoming Events (Bob)

- Football – October 8, 2015 – SMU 7 PM
- Football – October 31, 2015 – Vanderbilt 6PM
- Cullen Performance Hall Events – Welcome Center Visitors Garage
 - Welcome to Night Vale – September 10, 2015
 - Double Ten Celebration – September 25, 2015
 - Joe Jackson – October 11, 2015
 - Home Free Concert – October 16, 2015
 - Jesse Cook Concert – October 17, 2015

V. Old Business (Bob)

a. ERP Parking Addition

- i. 450 spaces expansion at the back of the ERP. Bob discussed that ERP parking expansion will have asphalt overlay which will cost around \$2.2 – \$2.3 million. The spaces will be ready before the construction of the new garage. The expected start date will be Spring 2016 and the spaces will be available by Fall of next year. The construction will take 6-9 months.

VI. New Business

a. New Garage (Bob)

- i. Bob discussed about the new garage to be constructed in Lot 18A with a capacity of 2300-2400 cars. The new garage will be 5 stories for faculty/staff, students and visitors. The construction will begin in either the Fall of 2016 or Spring 2017 with 18 months construction period. The Garage will be fully operational by Fall 2018. Bob further mentioned that the garage could displace 700-800 parkers.

b. Law Center (Bob)

- i. Bob discussed with the committee regarding his meeting with the Associate Dean and staff of the Law Center for the use of overnight parking at the Law Center parking lot. He mentioned that the lot was monitored overnight for citations and 65 citations were issued

on October 21 and 35 citations on October 22. Additional signage were also placed to bring awareness to students and faculty/staff. He also talked about the Shuttle Pilot Program for an evening ERP route that would stop near the Law Center at the Calhoun Lofts shuttle stop. The program will run from 5 pm – 11 pm daily starting November 1st and will be monitored for the remainder of the Fall semester after which it will be determined whether to continue the new route.

c. SGA Resolution (SGAR-52001) (Shaun Smith)

- i. SGA President Shaun Smith discussed about the SGA's resolution for Parking and Transportation, as a show of good faith, to reimburse or waive fines for certain citations (listed below) issued to students with UH parking permits issued on Game Day Thursday October 8, 2015.
 - a. V3: Parked curbside; with the exception of cars parked on a sidewalk or in a construction area
 - b. V4: Parked overtime at a parking meter
 - c. V7: Parked in a lot without the proper decal/permit for that lot
 - d. V8: Parked in or blocking a driving lane
 - e. V10: Parking on the grass; with the exception of blocking a sidewalk or crosswalk.
- ii. Voting was done to endorse the resolution as one time good faith only.
 - a. Motion to vote: first by Mathew Castillo, seconded by Vice Chair David Kazanci.
 - b. All in favor

VII. Member Items

- a. SGA Vice President Tanzeem Chowdhury discussed that some of the parking lanes are not visible in the East Garage which needs to be repainted. Also, students have problems swiping their garage permit multiple times which make queue of line with students being waiting. He further mentioned that students with big trucks park in the corner end of East Garage spaces which makes it harder for other students making left/right turns at the end of the garage lanes.
- b. Bob discussed that Paul has turned in the work request for changing out the network cabling from copper to fiber in the East Garage and it will be done by next fall. Also, Paul will create compact signs for spaces toward the end of the lanes to avoid trucks being parked in those spaces.
- c. Mathew Castillo discussed that he will email the sub-committee members to meet before the next TPAC meeting about the parking citation fine structure to discuss the new levels of fine with the sub-committee. SGA Vice President Tanzeem Chowdhury further mentioned to invite Traffic Court Committee as well for the meeting.
- d. Esmeralda Valdez talked regarding the proposals for the leak street lots to turn them into developed fruit trees orchard such as pecan tree, grapefruit tree for community collaboration.
- e. Shawn Vaillancourt brings up the discussion that cars being parked in the F/S 16C lot with wrong permit occupying the spaces in the lot.

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

Date: November 20, 2015

Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Location: Student Center South, Heights (Rm 224)