Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee  
February 19, 2010  Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Leslie Pruski, Jaesub Lee, Emily Messa, Robert Walker, Kenneth Fomunung, Paul Lozano, Derral Parkin, Kamran Riaz, Carlos Reyes, Fidel Ramirez, Joe Papick, Bob Browand, Jonas Chin

I. Open Forum
   A. Mr. Nhan Nguyen- Bike Racks on Cougar Line Shuttle
      1. Working at UH since ’90, graduate of UH
      2. Uses bike as mode of transportation, rides in from Medical Center
      3. Working in IT, stationed at Energy Research Park
      4. Concerned about the commute from UH main campus to Energy Research Park (ERP) via bike
      5. Ask for drivers to be aware of cyclists, there have been accidents in the past riding the feeder 45 south
      6. Bike rack cheaper than litigation
      7. Needs bike to get around ERP and UH, it is also an expensive bike, would like to suggest bike racks with covers on them
      8. On separate matter, ERP colleagues would also like to see bench at Cougar Line Stop at ERP
      9. Presented Video of riding bike to ERP from UH, rack prices and presentation

II. Approval of the Minutes for 11/19/2009 Meeting and 1/29/2010
   A. Approved 11/19 and approved 1/29/2010 minutes- pending a friendly amendment to change abbreviation- yr to year

III. HERTZ Connect- University Car Share Program Presentation Recap
   A. How does it work? HERTZ Connect presented to UH TPAC members in February
      1. Both an hourly rate or daily rate, would need an annual membership, sign up in the first six months = wave that first year membership fee
      2. Rate covers the insurance and gas up to 108 miles a day, can rent up to seven days
      3. Benefits: faculty, staff and students can sign up for this program, up to date technology in the cars, environmentally friendly and trendy, 24 hour service if needed, 24 hour road side assistance, HERTZ has place close to UH in case of maintenance issues
      4. Cars would be parked at UH, driver lets HERTZ know when they need it, go to the car and rent it
      5. Only have to be 18 to rent with driver’s license
      6. Partners with over 22 universities in 34 cities and 13, 500 members
   B. Status Update
      1. TPAC has approved a partnership with HERTZ Connect and we will be moving forward
IV. Appeals Process: Subcommittee Report
A. Appeals Subcommittee- met in December regarding the issue of Appeals process
B. Recommendations: To combine the student traffic court with faculty/staff traffic court, come up with a list of offenses that will not grant appeal
   1. New appeal process calls for a appeal to be filled out online, if the court feels they need to hear more than the folks will have an oral hearing
   2. New process was originally proposed by student government association 45th administration by former Traffic Court Chief Alexander Obregon
      a. It is based around making sure that the court is able to evaluate the appeal quicker and more efficiently
      b. Please see link for the full details on the Appeals recommendations: http://www.uh.edu/af/docs/TPAC/Recommended_Changes_UH_Appeal_Process.pdf
C. Discussion: want to make sure that we have computer kiosks around parking and transportation customer service areas for accessibility
   1. 21 days was the original period allowed till you could appeal, national average ranges from 3-14 days, the recommendation calls for 14 days to make sure folks aren’t forgetting about their ticket and not necessary to have 21 days
   2. Also in the recommendation, if person with the citation misses the 48 hours half off window, the third day- if paid, would be 25% off original ticket price
   3. Must go to faculty, staff and student representation bodies to inform them about these recommendations
D. Committee voted and approved the appeals recommendations
   1. Next steps are to visit with other councils and communicate the committee’s recommendations to the current policy

V. Updates
A. NextBus – issues with drivers logging onto the GPS
   1. Looking into official announcement about it in April
   2. Installed in UH Cougar Line buses, still working out technical issues
B. METRO- Monday morning (2/22/10), small part of Lot 9C facing Wheeler will be blocked off for METRO construction
   1. If car is parked there, owner will be notified and it will be moved to another spot within the Lot: http://www.uh.edu/af/docs/TPAC/METRO_Lot9C.JPG
C. Signage Update- signs are up at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church
   1. Pictures: http://www.uh.edu/af/docs/TPAC/WABCNoUHParking.JPG
D. RFPs: One for Bus Shelters and the other for Ride Share Carpool Program
   1. Looking into adding Bus Shelters-Creative Outdoors and MSS Media
      a. Will hear from them and look forward to presentations
   2. Ride Share Program- NuRide sent in RFP

VI. Upcoming Projects
A. Welcome Center Garage
   1. Looking into moving the gates, bringing the equipment in
   2. Second Level-Visitors, Faculty and Staff, 1st Floor-Faculty and Staff, Third to Fifth Levels-students
3. Thinking about violation penalties for folks who knock off the gate
4. Lots of tailgating, folks end up hitting the gate
5. Check out the reconfiguration plans:

B. Energy Research Park
1. Working on parking program

VII. Adjourn