Transportation and Parking Action Committee Minutes
April 16, 2010

In Attendance: Emily Messa, Jonas Chin, Prince Wilson, Johnny Jackson, Bob Browand, Jaesub Lee, Courtney Anzalone, Paul Lozano, Jean Valyan, Emmanuel Papadakis, Fidel Ramirez, The Art Guys, Carlos Pedemonte, Joe Papick, Derral Parkin

Meeting called to order at 1:33 PM

I. Open Forum
   a. The Art Guys are doing an outdoor sculpture for the Cougar Village. It is a plaza called The Statue of Four Lies. They are requesting one metered parking space just for the plaza, somewhere near the plaza. An area in 6B that already has meters would be preferred and all that is needed is a sign designating it. Construction is hopefully going to be finished on August 15 and will be used in the dedication of Cougar Village. Dead area near the bridge and the plaza suggested by chairman for plaza parking.
   b. Emily Messa announced that University of Houston finished 1st in Texas in Recycle Mania as well as in Conference USA.

II. Updates
   a. NextBus: is up and running, still working out bugs on the administration side. The program is improving and the data is getting better as long as everyone is logging on.
   b. Bike Racks: Got price from shuttle provider but price was excessive and they are not willing for us to buy the racks and they install them. They are willing to let us buy and install them but we assume responsibility for the racks and any damage they cause. Will try and negotiate price down but interest isn’t high so cost doesn’t seem logical right now.
   c. Shelter RFP Results: Contract is being negotiated with MSS Media to do Bus Shelter. Trying to come up with a standard design for information kiosk, security booths, and bus shelter. To prevent advertising on bus shelter possible information board will be made so students can post there.
   d. Car Share Program: Contract is still being negotiated. Hertz will be here for Earth Day and show a car we will possibly be using but no advertisement for our program will be done.
   e. Summer Permit: About 700 permits have been purchased. Only emailing Fall/Spring permits as of right now but may send out postcards to students in May.

III. Transportation and Parking Plan
   a. New routes, Bayou Oaks and Campus Loop will be changing due to Light Rail construction. Bayou Oaks will reroute and not include Moody and will go up and down Calhoun.
   b. Inner Loop road will need an extension to connect to Cullen. A Road will run next to the Quad and then go up Cougar Place dr. to Cullen.
c. Action tabled on the connect to Cullen, possible feasibility study to see if it is necessary and how big the road should be.

IV. The Spur 5 (John B. Coleman Hwy) Way to Go Marketing Campaign
   a. Summer Communication Strategy: want to put a strategy together to remind students of different ways to get to campus.

V. TPAC Committee Evaluations
   a. Evaluations will be sent out in an email to see what we need to change and how to improve the committee.
   b. Possible retreat or meeting in June for TPAC members to help better the committee.

VI. Adjourned at 2:58 PM