Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date:       June 29, 2012
Place:      Moody Towers Dining Hall
Time:       1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Attendees: Leslie Pruski, Emmanuel Papadakis, Jeremy May, Cedric Bandoh, Turner Harris, Esmeralda Valdez, Bob Browand, Paul Lozano, Eric Holamon, Syed Kamran Riaz, Ruth Manny, Angelar Jackson

I. Open Forum
   A. Student speaker: Ali Naqvi
      1. Raised issue about “unnecessary ticketing” of the V7 citation (“parked in a lot without the proper decal/permit for that lot”) during a time after finals in May and before summer school starts in June when there are no classes, less students on campus, and more open parking spaces that should allow at least a Garage permit holder to park outside the garage before 5pm
         a. Committee countered that each permit bought has its own rules and restrictions to abide by anytime of the day or week, but Committee will address policies at next meeting
      2. Also concerned why when appeals are denied, there are no statements or explanations provided
         a. Committee agrees with this and proposes setting up general reasons to efficiently address court’s decisions on appeals

II. Approval of May Meeting Minutes
    A. Approved

II. Updates and Information items
   A. Project Updates
      1. UC Renovation
         a. Due to an approx. 2-week delay with the city to cut driveway entrance for lot 1E, date is pending to email 1E parkers. Once started, driveway construction will take about 10 days and will not impede with the renovation
         b. Bauer concerned about parking spaces filling up quickly by students once the gates are raised at 5pm; requests extension of time to 6pm to lessen congestion of student parkers
      2. Cougar Village II
         a. Entrance to gated lot 6B will be closed out due to underground tunnel construction to transfer power lines to CVII; will use exit gate
b. July 16 – email to be sent for relocation of any 6B parkers affected

c. Oct 2012 – March 2013 – tentative time frame to utilize lot 8A as a “staging yard” for trucks carrying precast panels. Concerns over traffic caused by transporting these trucks.

3. Stadium Garage
   a. July 5 – furniture delivered and installed
   b. July 16 – Parking offices move in
   c. Mid-August – soft opening for retail spaces; when school starts is official opening
   d. Proposal to post speed limit signs inside the garage
   e. Plans for 15G Booth:
      i. Gussie moves into Customer Service office with Parking
      ii. Turn lot 15G into a gated lot for visitors with F/S, using unmanned ticket gate; will work out details with Athletics dept
      iii. October – shut the booth down

4. 1A Garage
   a. July 13 – assign 500 RHE parking spaces in the Welcome Center Garage
   b. July 27 – closing of 1A parking lot, signs put up
   c. Put up reserved parking signs for F/S spaces on the 3rd floor of WCG
   d. SW corner of lot 1A saved for RLH loading zone

B. Frontier Fiesta
   1. Discussed potential locations: lots 9C, 20C next to East Garage, or lot 16D field and temp lots (most favored)

C. Early Citation Payment Program
   1. Bob reviewed payment history from FY09 through May of FY12, which had improved from 22% to 31%, and it appears that this program is working
   2. Reviewed appeals history in the same time frame, which showed there was a lower number of appeals submitted, but a lower percentage of appeals dismissed due to evidence from pictures taken
   3. Goal achieved for early payment of citations; in favor of continuing this program for another year
   4. Concern about amount of appeals over broken meters:
      a. Issue: meters are not broken, but vandalized or used improperly
      b. Proposals:
         a. Use log sheets to keep track of times a meter is fixed
         b. 2-hours max. to park at a broken meter, then write ticket for overtime at meter
         c. Add sticker with a phone number to call if meter is broken to provide that option to parkers
D. Fall Make Ready
   1. Law trailers gone in 2 weeks, will become temporary parking
   2. Early August – 15D gated becomes F/S ungated; 15F becomes student lot
   4. 19A opens
   5. 21B becomes F/S ungated to help displaced 1E parkers
   6. Move Reserved spaces from 15D into 2nd floor of Stadium Garage, at the regular
      reserved permit rate for the first year; rate may change for year 2014
   7. Convert Luke meters at Cougar Village I and Calhoun Lofts into Pay-By-Space
   8. Change rates of Luke meters into a standardized system like at the Welcome
      Center Garage with a max of $9.00
   9. Other tasks to anticipate:
      a. T2 Flex and Shuttle contracts
      b. Orientation
      c. 1A Garage design and pre-construction
      d. Coordinate residents’ move-in
      e. Mailing permits

E. August Meeting (Retreat)
   1. Located in conference room of the new Parking Office at the Stadium Garage
   2. Time tentative until further notice
   3. Informal plan:
      a. SGA propose RFID parking, using toll tags, for open student lots
      b. Introduce new members
      c. Role and scope
      d. Rates
      e. Shuttles
      f. Policies/appeals
      g. Renaming student lots
      h. Reallocation
      i. Expand alternative transportation (carpooling) options to students

IV. Member items
   A. SGA proposes RFID parking solutions for next meeting

V. Adjourn

Next Meeting – Tentative Schedule
Date: August 10, 2012
Time: TBD
Location: Parking Conference Room @ Stadium Garage