Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes August 18, 2010

Attendance: Joe Papick, Emmanuel Papadakis, Jeremy May, Prince Wilson, Jaesub Lee, Jean Valyan, Kamran Riaz, Bradley Bates, Johnnie Jackson, Jeffrey Syptak, Robert Walker, Fidel Ramirez, Paul Lozano, Richard Storemski, Maria Honey

I. Introductions
   A. Bob Browand- Director of Parking and Transportation, Emily Messa- Assistant Vice President of University Services
      1. Visiting from the Faculty Senate: Monica McHenry, Christiane Spitzmueller, Suzanne Ferimer
      2. Richard Storemski, Department of Public Safety
   B. Committee Roles and Responsibilities as stated in the By-Laws:
      1. TPAC works closely with the Department of Parking & Transportation Services (PTS) serving as a conduit for the exchange of information and ideas between the community, PTS and University Management. TPAC provides advice and assistance regarding plans for the development of parking facilities, parking enforcement issues, parking fees and fines, shuttle bus operations and transportation and parking issues.
      2. Please bring conversations from TPAC back to your constituents and inform them about parking and transportation related-issues
      3. Role of the Committee Chairperson
         a. To work closely with the Office of University Services, Parking and Transportation, Vice-Chair and committee members on developing agenda items and facilitating discussion during and after meetings
         b. The Vice-Chair will be here to assist and in the case of the Chairperson’s absence, will run the meeting
   C. Voting Members Acknowledgment
      1. Representatives appointed by Faculty Senate: Emmanuel Papadakis, Jeremy May, Jaesub Lee, and one member to be appointed in place of Carlos Pedemonte (retiring)
      2. Representatives appointed by Staff Council: Joe Papick, Robert Walker and Leslie Pruski
      3. Representatives appointed by the Student Gov. Association: Prince Wilson, Johnnie Jackson, Jeffrey Syptak, Bradley Bates and Calvin Green
   D. Nominations open for Chairperson
      1. Nomination of Mr. Joe Papick, nomination accepted
      2. Committee unanimously votes and approves – Joe Papick is the 2010-2011 TPAC Chairman
      3. Nomination open for Vice-Chair
         a. Nominations of Emmanuel Papadakis and Jaesub Lee
         b. Papadakis accepts the nomination, Lee respectfully does not accept
         c. Committee unanimously votes and approves- Emmanuel Papadakis is the 2010-2011 TPAC Vice-Chair

II. Overview of Parking and Transportation
   A. Current Situation
1. Daily Campus visits are up by 28%
2. New construction on interior of campus has reduced capacity
3. METRO construction of rail= about 3,000 parking spaces eliminated
4. Demand for Parking still high

B. Overview of Projections and Numbers for the next five years
1. This year (2010): Lost the TSU Satellite Lot which is 240 spots and 20 spots for METRO, gained 1,272 spots for the East Side Parking Garage for students, faculty/staff lost 120 spots due to the Central Plant Expansion and gained 85 spots in the East Side Parking Garage
   a. Cost 2010: Lot maintenance=400,000 dollars
2. Next year (2011): projections say we’ll be losing a total of 1,085 spots for students due to: construction of our Parking Garage #3 (600 spots), Optometry Expansion (225 spots), METRO light rail construction (500 spots) and will gain 240 spots with temporary parking on Leek St for students, faculty/staff will gain 77 spots due to Optometry Expansion, Total of about 1,700 spaces lost due to projects
   a. Projected cost in 2011 for the new parking garage + maintanence + Leek St. Temporary Lots in total is projected at 26 million dollars
3. In 2012, the projection: addition of 500 student spots with a McGregor Lot and the loss of 272 faculty/staff spots with the UC Addition
   a. Projected cost in 2012 for maintenance, Phase 5 of the Lot 4A renovation, McGregor Lot in total is projected at 2.4 million dollars
4. In 2013, addition of 1,600 spots for students with the opening of the parking garage, 600 more spots for faculty/staff
   a. Projected cost in 2013 for maintenance, finishing the last phase of the Lot 4A renovation is in total is projected at 900,000 dollars
5. In 2014, loss of 632 spots for students due to the start of construction for Parking Garage #4
   a. Projected cost in 2014 for maintenance, new parking garage 4, pave the rest of Lot 9B in total would cost a projected: 26.4 million
6. In 2015, addition of 1,100 parking spots for students and 300 for faculty/staff with new garage
   a. Projected cost in 2015 for maintenance and to pave one half of 9B, projected in total to be 900,000
7. In 2016, lot maintenance and improvements projected and by then a net increase of 2,851 student spots and net increase of 385 faculty/staff spots

C. Energy Research Park: currently economy parking for students and ERP does require permit for staff/faculty over there, future outlook to consider are the amount of classes and community over there

D. Leek St. will be temporary parking that will start around Oct. and Nov., town hall with Leek St. community in September 14, 2010

III. Strategies for TPAC to Consider
   A. Reduce Demand
      1. Potential No Freshman Parking Policy
      2. Partner with METRO to increase usage of mass transit
      3. Add free vanpool/carpool registration service
   B. Increase Supply
      1. Add at least two new structures to accommodate demand
C. Alternate ways of transportation
   1. Carpool and revisiting incentives, especially for 2012
   2. New Car Share Program
      a. Have new HERTZ by Connect program, students/faculty/staff can rent a car and
         come to campus
      b. Until December, membership fee is waved for folks signing up
D. Expenditures will be re-visited, the parking and transportation is not state funded and
   the funds come from permits and citations

IV. UH Athletics and Parking
A. Season ticket sales are up by over 60% from last year, need more parking around
   Robertson Stadium-part of how UH gives back to donors
   1. The donor money goes directly to the Cougar Pride Fund for scholarships for
      student athletes
B. Game Day Parking Situation
   1. All of the parking around Robertson Stadium is sold out
C. Proposal One from UH Athletics: Requesting to block off lot 16C and any necessary 16B
   parking for Houston Athletics Blue Lot permits and Moores School of Music events.
   1. Blocking of 16C and necessary portions of 16B will guarantee that all Athletics
      parking permit holders and School of Music patrons will have a guaranteed parking
      location in a prime area, keeping cash game day parking separate and providing a
      benefit to both groups.
   2. For example, if Houston Athletics provides 300 blue lot permits and the School of
      Music needs 150 stalls, Athletics will create a roped barrier for an additional 130
      stalls in lot 16B that are also reserved with the 322 stalls in 16C
   3. The entrance closest to lot 16C will be for blue lot permit holders and School of
      Music/Theatre patrons only
   4. Houston Athletics will then be able maximize revenue in the other 16 lots for cash
      parking
   5. According to the Moores School of Music calendar, there are no conflicting events
      during the first three football games. The calendar was not updated past
      September
   6. There are two conflicting events with the School of Theatre – Saturday, October 9
      and Friday, November 5
D. Discussion behind Proposal One
   1. Communication with Five-Star and how Five-Star directs guests who come to the
      games
      a. Need to be better informed and more cordial to people who need to par
   2. Major Concern over Friday Game Day parking for Sept. 10 and Nov. 5
      a. Where do people park? How will the message be communicated?
   3. Athletics must meet with at the executive board of TPAC before the next TPAC
      meeting to discuss communications strategy
E. Motion for Proposal One: Approval temporarily in September on the condition that UH
   Athletics report communication strategy before the season and follow up with the
   committee with report
   1. Motion seconded and approved, called to question, voted on and approved
F. Proposal Two: request to paint the names of each donor/dignitary, a number and a UH
   logo on the reserved parking stalls
G. UH Athletics provides a benefit to donors who contribute $5,000 or more annually a
reserved named parking location for football as well as a variety of UH dignitaries
including President Khator and the Board of Regents.
   1. In 2009, the 136 donors provided more than $550,000 to Athletics programs during
      the year.
   2. In 2010, there are currently 33 named parking stalls (Lot 15D) on the east side of
      Robertson Stadium and 121 stalls (Lot 12A) needed on the west side of Robertson
      Stadium.

H. Discussion about Proposal Two
   1. Revenue sharing conversation a possibility to talk about in the future discussions
      with Athletics

I. Motion for Proposal Two: Approve Athletics request to paint the names of each
    donor/dignitary, a number and a UH logo on the reserved parking stalls on the condition
    that Athletics will talk to parking and transportation about possibilities in revenue
    sharing
   1. Motion seconded, called to question, voted on and approved

V. Meeting Adjourned