Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from Oct. 15, 2010

Attendees: Malcolm Davis, Brad Wigtil, Kamran Riaz, Prince Wilson, Eric Holamon, Jeffrey Syptak, Emily Messa, Paul Lozano, Fidel Ramirez, Robert Walker, Jean Valyan, Bradley Bates, Bob Browand, Lindsay Marshall, Calvin Green, Joe Papick, Emmanuel Papadakis, Jeremy May, Suzanne Ferimer, Ruth Manny

I. Open Forum
   A. College of Law Parking presented by Sondra Tennessee
      1. Would like to recommend to the committee to consider making Lot 18A a Law Center only parking
      2. This idea would be good for student morale in the Law School especially with the highest tuition on campus
      3. Lot 18A is filled to capacity everyday
         a. Students can find parking in Lot 18A they head to the lot behind Moores
      4. Survey amongst Law Students- out of 945 students, surveyed 300 students
         a. Conducted over email, survey monkey for a week and sent to all students
      5. Comment from committee would like to see more data and review the recommendation

II. Approval Items
   A. Approval of the September 17th Meeting Minutes
      1. Motioned, seconded and approved unanimously
   B. Special Event Parking Recommendations
      1. Events Parking Framework presented by Bob Browand
         a. Putting out a framework plan to start discussion about special event policy
         b. Notification process
            1. A lot of the time not sure about the events, notification period about the events should be part of the framework plan
         c. Events charge for permits
            1. Set up online process for events to sign on, made code, validate the event with the campus
            2. 23 dollars an hour for attendants
         d. Event permits
            1. Revisit the levels of visitor groups, make sure there isn’t overlap
            2. Caution- don’t sell space we don’t have
            3. Please refer to document: Events Parking Framework
            4. This is a draft and a starting point for Special Event Parking discussion
         e. Proposal is tabled and will be sent to the Special Events Sub-Committee
   C. Events Parking Proposal presented by Emmanuel Papadakis
      1. Please keep in mind the main mission of the University- education and facilitate the best services for students and faculty
      2. 40,000 students, economy is hard, need a policy to bring in funds for event parking
      3. This proposal is saying 20%, apply to all events go to parking
      4. Don’t have to vote on this proposal today, lets review in subcommittee
      5. Proposal is tabled and sent to Special Events Sub-Committee
   D. Plan of Action in Sub-Committees for these two proposals
      1. Re-look at the portion groups, ask for input, talk to AD Bruce Religion Center
2. Special Events Sub-Committee: Prince Wilson, Leslie Pruski, Emmanuel Papadakis, Jeremy May

E. Donor Names in Parking Lots during Basketball Season presented by James Nicas
   1. Proposal to have donor names in parking lots for Cougar Pride Donors, asking for 62 stalls in 15C and 34 spots in 15G, maybe slight extra
   2. Donor dollars go straight to student athlete scholarships
   3. No issues from the football season
   4. Called to vote, motioned to call to question, seconded and approved unanimously

F. UH DPS Proposal for Wheeler Entrance of Lot 10 presented by Chief Malcolm Davis
   1. Wheeler Entrance of Lot 10, lots of traffic and accidents
   2. There will still be four entrance/exits off of Cullen
   3. Asking for permission to block off the entrance for safety purposes
   4. It would be a gate that would be blocking the entrance off of Wheeler, but in case of emergency can be moved
   5. Called to Question, motion made, seconded and voted on, approved unanimously

III. Actions Items

A. Partnership with METRO presented by Emily Messa and Bob Browand
   1. Q-Card and Cougar Card Merger
      a. How can we make it easier for Coogs to get to campus without parking
      b. Working to merge the Q-Card to the Cougar Card
      c. Advantage- Cougar Card registered to UH, keep track of the credits for number and volume
      d. Make it easier to get a q-card, hope to have it in place soon, phased project starting with the Freshmen

B. Alternative Commuting by Emily Messa and Bob Browand
   1. Incentives Program: METRO and Carpooling
      a. See what we can do to have more service coming to campus from METRO
      b. Looking to create an incentives program for carpooling
      c. Continue to push HERTZ Carshare program
      d. Trade-in the permits program

IV. Information Items

A. College of Optometry and Parking presented by Bob Browand
   1. Meeting with Dean Smith, losing close to 400 spots
   2. Patient parking will not be effected
   3. Working on a proposal to optometry on parking solution, likely to offer the 1A Lot to faculty and staff, priority pick for garage parking for optometry students because they have to carry equipment
   4. Committee would like to see information from college optometry students about where they would want to park and look into creative ways to transport equipment
   5. Two years of construction, starting in January
   6. Suggestion from the committee that each building project should be required to have a parking plan in the future

A. Update on TPAC Recommendations from Sept. 17 Meeting presented by Emily Messa
   1. Handicap Parking in front of E. Cullen Performance Hall
      a. Found that four spots rather than six fit in front of E. Cullen Performance Hall
      b. Checked with Fire Marshal, Parking and Transportation in order to find this, part of the process
   2. State Energy Conservation Office Grant Proposal for solar panels
a. Ended up not being turned in due to the ‘Buy American’ clause
b. The company that was going to match the 20% were an international company, therefore the proposal was not submitted
3. Parking Passes for Lot 15D during Football Game Day
   a. Been dropping off about 9 to 10 passes to Dean of NSM Office
   b. Will be sure to drop off the passes on Wednesday before game day and then email Dr. May to inform fellow faculty
B. Committee Recommendations Process presented by Emily Messa and Jonas Chin
   1. Process similar to what we saw with handicap parking in front of E Cullen
      a. Proposal gets approved, goes to University Services Office, reviewed with different stakeholders and responsibility for a report back to committee on the implementation strategy, please refer to the process
C. Reminder there will be an Info Session on Oct. 29
   1. No approval items, just talking about possible parking strategies and future of parking
V. Adjournment