Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee
Minutes from October 16, 2009 Meeting

Attendance: Leslie Pruski, Linda Stebber, Bob Browand, Jaesub Lee, Emily Messa, Derral Parkin, Fidel Ramirez, Carlos Reyes, Ron Singer, Sean Tarver, Robert Walker, Michael Harding, Jeffrey Syptak, Maria Honey, Samuel Dike, Jonas Chin

I. Open Forum
   A. Student Address from Jeffrey Syptak
      1. Tickets are being issued to people and they don’t recognize where they’re parking
      2. Concern over white parking sign at the beginning of the lots
         a. Need to specify tow away times, confusion over RHE and Student lots in Calhoun Lofts, clarify where you can park
   B. Open Forum Discussion
      1. Some ideas for solving parking - create universal parking permit, color code the lots and signs to make it easier for students to see whether they can park there or not
         a. Universal parking permit would eliminate free parking options and raise economy lot prices, goal is to make sure there is an economical option for students
         b. Color coding - might work, look into adding color to the white signs, possibly paint the sides
         c. ERP - continue to promote it as an option for students
   C. Zimride - ride sharing program through facebook
      1. Representatives from Zimride met with Bob, similar to AlterNate Rides on parking website, however not a lot of participants
      2. Zimride maybe good option to look into to encourage carpooling through social network
      3. Would cost about 9,000 a year to have the Zimride program

II. Administration: Update and Review of Parking and Transportation Strategic Plan
   A. Metro Line should be completed by 2011
      1. Demolition of Wheeler houses have already started
      2. Will lose close to 700-900 spaces during construction of rail lines
   B. Garage Project Updates
      1. Stadium garage, opening moved up to 2011 (2,400 spaces)
      2. Wheeler garage, opening moved up to 2013
   C. Rates - currently locked in for two years by rules from the state
      1. This committee will start discussing the fees for 2012 around February

III. Parking
   A. Energy Research Parking Lot Update
      1. Advertising - Come to Oct 22nd Party at ERP from 7am to 10am. First 100 folks parking in lot will be greeted with donuts and coffee, first 50 will receive a t-shirt
         a. Postcards sent out to 3,500 people to let them know about the ERP partying, most of them sent to residents residing south of Gulf Freeway
B. Citation Appeals and Special Event Policy Discussion/Sub-committee appointments
   1. Retreat talked about appeals process and came up with document report
      a. 1st page- recommendations, 2nd page- stats, over 2,000 appeals
   2. Current citation Process, available online
      a. Citation given-email notification-student has two choices to appeal either written or in person-some pay the ticket (within 48 hrs= half off the original citation price/excludes fire zone tickets), lot of folks appeal- traffic court reviews- appeal (grants 21 day review period, no penalties)-decision sent
   3. Other Schools on Citations - some have bonding deposit for students who appeal

C. Sub-Committees
   1. Appeals Sub-Committee: to look into appeals process at our school, review and make recommendations to the committee on appeals reform
      a. Members: Alpa Vaghani, Jaesub Lee, Michael Harding, Jeffrey Syptak, Kamran Riaz, Leslie Pruski, Derral Parkin, Fidel Ramirez (chair)
   2. Special Event Policy Sub-committee: to review parking policy with special events
      a. Members: Robert Walker (chair), Linda Stebber, Emily Messa, Sean Tarver, Ron Singer, Paul Lazano

IV. Garages
   A. Opening Schedule of Events for the East Parking Garage
      1. Opening- November 11, working on ribbon cutting event time
      2. Promotions through facebook, twitter
   B. East Parking Garage policies and rates
      1. Same rate as parking in the welcome center garage, wait list is open online
      2. Even trade for welcome center garage, want to switch welcome center garage permit with east parking garage, would be an even trade

V. Transportation Services
   A. NextBus GPS Implementation Schedule- working on contract, hope to see the GPS system up and ready soon, allows students to know where Shuttle Cougar Line up to the minute
   B. Cougar Line Review Report
      1. Rode the buses with student government, Mr. Amer Rehman spoke to drivers and rode the buses for two weeks
      2. Recommendations: Operational and Communications
         a. Communications: make clear where bus stops are, post maps of lines on the bus and in the shelters, safety tips on buses, clear signage
         b. Need to communicate to students to go to correct bus stop so that Cougar Line stays on time
         c. Operational: Need to re-evaluate the Blue Route- maybe switch big bus going to ERP to shuttles and look into having the big bus going Blue Route, big issue remains to the signage and drivers stopping along the trail to pick people up in unmarked stops, build shelters for bus stops
3. Action for Recommendations
   a. Communication recommendations have been taken into consideration and Communications University Services Team is working on maps for the buses and stops
   b. Operational recommendations with bus efficiency, Mr. Bob Browand will meet with our Cougar Line transportation provider AFC to discuss recommendations

C. Car Sharing RFP – exploring the possibility of a program similar to ZipCar or City Car Share for the campus
   1. Received one Car Sharing RFP from Hertz, we will be reopening the RFP

VI. Adjourned