Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Date: October 19, 2012
Place: PTS Conference Room, Stadium Parking Garage
Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Attendees: Jeff Syptak, Emmanuel Papadakis, Rachel Bush, Jeremy May, Ruth Manny, Jay Parks, Andrea Trevino, Zachary Irons, Eddie Reyes, Cedric Bandoh, Turner Harris, Mylien Triet, Esmeralda Valdez, Bob Browand, Paul Lozano, Eric Holamon

I. Approval of September 28th Meeting Minutes

II. Veteran’s Disability Parking
   a. Require veterans to pay for parking except for Purple Heart recipients
   b. After looking up other colleges, Bob drafted up similar policies for veterans, to go in effect immediately:
      i. Visitors at meters with the appropriate special license plates park at No charge
      ii. Disabled veterans that are Faculty/staff and students can purchase permits at No charge
   c. Motion made to approve

III. Frontier Fiesta Updates
   a. 2013 mission of Frontier Fiesta is to continue this successful, annual tradition of promoting scholarships and sense of community and education by featuring free, live concerts, variety shows, carnival and food, while also broadening and strengthening relationships within the UH community and Houston
   b. Base map of parking lot 20A/C shown with proposed layouts of Frontier Fiesta:
      i. Locations of different sections and exits of the event
      ii. Existing bus shuttle route, plus proposed pedestrian traffic
      iii. Closing phases on the parking lot:
          1. March 1 – about 120 spots
          2. March 15 – additional 118 spots
          3. March 19 – additional 863 spots
      iv. Releasing phases, when parking spots are available for use again:
          1. March 25 – 961 spots
          2. March 31 – 140 spots
   c. Parking relocation options:
      i. 19A, which has about 30-60 spaces available during a 2-week observation, but Bob does not support using this location, since it will not accommodate a large number of displaced parkers
ii. ERP possible
iii. Will need to resolve issue of parking relocations
iv. Will displace mostly Economy permit parkers
d. Bob also addresses the loss of about 2000 parking spaces from the new football stadium being built during this time
e. Frontier Fiesta stats on lot 20A/C compared to last year’s layout at Robertson Stadium lots:
   i. Square footage taken on the parking lots is about the same
   ii. Length of time of impacting parking lots is more condensed and minimalized into two weeks shorter
f. Will reconsider and clean up the layout of Frontier Fiesta on 20A/C to be more straightforward and simpler, and to also utilize the entrance lanes of the lot
g. Frontier Fiesta staff will explore arrangements with Fingers’ lot for additional parking
h. Discussion to comfortably compromise need of Frontier Fiesta on top of the needs of parking strains, while also ensuring proper communication is sent out to others to avoid any confusion
i. Esmeralda does not support having a 3-year agreement for this because the dynamics of the campus are still changing and so will the accommodations, but Frontier Fiesta disclosed that they are working with Plant Ops to fund investment costs that will apply to incorporate electricity and water lines for this event
j. Due to time, Committee cannot establish a final decision, but to sum up, they will not explore any other location, but lot 20A/C, under these conditions:
   i. Modify currently proposed layout plan
   ii. Binding to a 2-year agreement, with the option of 3 years
   iii. Explore the installations needed
   iv. Decide upon alternative parking options for displaced parkers

IV. Parking Reallocation Funds
a. Total expenditures have increased since FY2005, especially with the opening of several garages throughout the years:
   i. FY07 -> WC Garage
   ii. FY09 -> East Garage
   iii. FY12 -> Stadium Garage
   iv. FY14 -> 1A Garage
b. Added garages because other buildings around campus were built, taking away surface lots

V. Message going out Developing Changes on the Shuttle Services
a. Drafted need for reduction in shuttle services to only 3 bus routes, with the intent of informing Committee of their recommendations and provide feedback
b. Initiated in the 1980s and mainly subsidized by permit sales, its financial history in costs went from $350K to $2.4 billion, and this large amount diverts money from PTS’ mission for lot maintenance and projects.

c. Subcommittee formed, consisting of 6 members, to review the shuttle services and its place in operations and budget.

d. PTS must acquire debt due to campus growing and adding parking garages, and as a result, TPAC proposes this (optimization in costs and services) reduction in the shuttle services.

e. The 3 route systems to recommend:
   i. ERP,
   ii. Inner (Campus) Loop, and
   iii. Outer Loop (serving lots 4A, 8A/9C, and Economy)
   iv. This eliminates the Red (Robertson) route, while the current Blue and Purple routes combined to form the Outer Loop route.

f. Divided into two parts, this first part has already been approved by Committee, and the second part will have rates recommendations and logistics into how this proposal will be implemented.

VI. Parking Plans Update

   a. A 2-year proposal plan for permit rates has been drafted for FY14 and FY15 that would in effect offer lower rate increases (see “Draft for Proposed Parking Rates FY14 and FY15”)

   b. Coincides with the reduction in shuttle services

   c. Changes to permits:
      i. All semester permits and economy permits will be removed
      ii. Student Annual permit added
      iii. Evening permit added, which is to park in any unrestricted or unreserved lots after 5pm
      iv. Motorcycle permit fee added, but will still be no charge with purchase of a regular permit
      v. Economy Plus permits renamed as ERP permits, to park only in ERP during the day and in other lots during the evening

NEXT MEETING:

Date: November 16, 2012
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