Meeting called to order by the Chair at 1:35 pm.

I. Open Forum

   A. Economy lot 9b view from Google earth looks like there could be a possible expansion of about 20-30 spots. Currently, students are ‘illegally’ parking there and receiving citations, but they are not blocking any aisles or other cars.

      1. Motion to have economy lot 9b looked at and re-measured.
      2. Motion seconded.

   B. Discussion about annealing annulling citations described above. Committee members stated this would be an Enforcement issue. Angelar Jackson is the TPAC committee member for Parking Enforcement and Security. The committee will check to see if Angelar is receiving the TPAC emails due to lack of attendance and lack of representation upon absences.

      1. Motion to refer these specific citations to Enforcement for possible annulment.
      2. Motion seconded.
      3. Dr. Manos Papadakis has accepted a friendly amendment.

   C. Lot 16 on Thursday’s UH vs. Rice game. Faculty members and students that were there to attend class were being told that they could not park in this lot even though they had the valid permit to park there. They were also told that their vehicles would be towed if they were to park there.

      1. It was well communicated throughout the week in advance to make arrangements for Thursday’s Game Day Parking. The issue being discussed was about the way the people who were working Lot 16 treated the faculty and students trying to park there.
      2. Arrived after 2:30, time of lot closure.

II. Introduction of New Members

   A. Welcome Alex Obregon. Alex Obregon will permanently be taking the place of former member Rex Allen Mann.

III. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
A. Minutes approved.

IV. Presentation by Raymond Barlett, UH Treasurer

A. Raymond Barlett was not present. This item was removed from the agenda.

V. Updates and Information Items

A. Hilton Hotel Request for Cab Services
   1. Bob Browand reported.
   2. Bob Browand stated the Hilton Hotel proposed a cab stand be put in front of the Hilton entrance. Currently, not enough information proposed and will be brought back up at a later date.

B. Pedestrian Crossing on Calhoun
   1. Bob Browand reported.
   2. Bob Browand along with TPAC member Ruth Manning and UH Assistant Chief of Police Brad Wigtil observed people as they crossed Calhoun. He observed more people crossed Calhoun at the Welcome Center rather than the spot in front of the new Optometry building to the parking lot (about 150:40). The bridge discussed during the last meeting was removed, and a “Sidewalk Closed” sign as added.
   3. This issue is now a Facilities/City of Houston issue.
      a) A draft was constructed to send to the City of Houston to propose that yellow flashing lights be added, to remove or relocate the “Pedestrian Crossing” sign, and to reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on Calhoun.
      b) The future garage plan in front of Moody Towers plans to have an entrance ramp on Calhoun. This will lead to a continuation and worsening of the current issue. Thus the issue needs to be fixed.
      c) Leslie Pruski suggested making pedestrian opening at the intersection of Wheeler and Calhoun out of Lot 1.
      d) Motion to go ahead and send the proposal to the City.
         (1) Motion was denied until further notice. For now just deal with the warning signs.
         (2) The committee needs to make sure of the actual procedure that needs to be followed.
The draft will be emailed to the committee members for editing and the formal proposal can be sent to Melissa Rockwell within the next week or two.

It was brought up to keep in mind that when the garage is built there needs to be adequate lighting for safety at night.

C. Review of Thursday’s Game Day Parking

1. Reported by Bob Browand.

2. As discussed in the Open Forum, the issue with Lot 16 was a customer service issue. This would have to be taken up with Athletics because they have the contract with Five Star. It was communicated well to students, faculty and staff that they needed to plan accordingly for the game day parking. Eric Holamon will talk to Athletics about the company in discussion.

3. Suggestion to take advantage of better ways other than email to inform people about parking on game days such as boards around campus, and through student organizations.

4. There will be a repeat of Thursday’s game day parking for the Dynamo game. The lot closure will be about the same as it was for the UH vs. Rice game. They will start collecting at 4 and they will be honoring permits (especially in lot 16). There also will not be any towing after the Wednesday night closure.

D. Appeals Policy Update

1. Eric Holamon reported the Traffic Court is almost caught up on all of the earlier set of appeals. They will be starting on the current set of appeals soon.

2. The campus is not embracing the discounts for paying early. Currently the discount scale is 75% off the first day, 50% off the second day, 25% off the third through fifth day, and full price after the fifth day.

3. There have been fewer citations this semester, as well as fewer appeals.

4. Court members are reading the appeals and actively participating. Craig is currently trying to get more students appointed on the Appeals Court.

5. UH community does not have to pay if their vehicle is towed if they have an active PeopleSoft ID. Suggestion made to the committee to get email or text notifications to be sent when someone’s vehicle gets towed. This would be an enforcement issue, and it would only be for UH registered vehicles.
6. Suggestion to have a look at a lot over by Moody where a student was towed, ‘apparently’ a “Towing Enforced” sign was present.

7. There is still an unclear path as to how to handle second appeals. Path one is you get one appeal, and only if due process violation can you appeal a second time. Path two is if there is new evidence then there can be a second appeal in person.

   a) Motion to create a sub-committee for this topic.
   b) Motion seconded. Alex Obregon is the new chairperson for this sub-committee.

8. Meeting with enforcement to start taking pictures of all citations in order for court members to view upon making their decisions. They already take pictures of vehicles when they are towed.

E. Stadium Garage Update

1. Reported by Bob Browand.
2. All pre-casted.
3. Stairwells and topping layers are underway.
4. Lighting and safety still needs to be worked on.
5. In late November the retail area will start being worked on as well.
6. Slightly off topic- Frontier Fiesta will take up the same amount of space as the last few years. For parking we will be strongly pushing ERP. There are plenty of spots available. Whether or not people want to park at ERP is their own choice. There is an estimated net loss of 350 spaces for the tents, plus 900 spaces requested for the cook-off and carnival, and a requested 530 spaces for VIP parking. The topic of renting out the Fingers parking lot was brought back up in this meeting. The committee explains that there are plenty of relocation spots such as ERP and the temporary lots. There is no need as of this point to rent the Fingers lot with money that neither the parking and transportation department, nor the Frontier Fiesta planning committee has to spend.

F. Shuttle Service Update

1. Bob Browand reported.
2. Spreadsheet was shown comparing The University of Houston with other Texas Universities.
3. Slightly off topic- Due to planned construction, the RHE lot in front of the Quads is be off-line. If there are any spaces out of the 120 spaces it contains left over, the
committee will have to decide what to do with the extra spots. The committee is thinking to make it a faculty and staff lot with some disability parking spots as well.

4. In the planned garage to be built in front of Moody, suggestion to allow residents to get the first pick at the garage rate.

5. Mention of the freshman parking policy.

VI. Member Items

A. All items were discussed in the Open Forum, or throughout the agenda.

VII. Adjourn

A. Next meeting on November 18th, 2011.