

Transit, Parking and Traffic Committee Minutes

April 26, 2011

Kevin Santos, Chair

Members Present: Renee Clay, Kaleb Cox, Scott Flanigin, Reggie Houser, Michele King, Wing Ning Li, David Martinson, Bridget Penrose, Kevin Santos, Carsten Schmidtke, Gary Smith, Bob Stassen, Susan Stiers, Matt Trantham and Tim Jiping Zou. Also present were Daniel Quinde for Gary Crain and Jeremy McAtee representing Staff Senate Parking Committee and Elaine Quinn, secretary.

The minutes of February 16, 2011 were amended to add Michele King as an attendee. She then moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

CURRENT STATUS OF PARKING:

1. Lot 75, on Lindell, will open as soon as some more wheel stops are placed. Future plans are to extend lot to Oakland Street. This will add about 30 spaces to the current 35 spaces in the lot.
2. Lot 36 will close June 1 for construction of Child Development Study Center.
3. The Dickson Street Annex will be demolished after commencement and the site paved for parking. This is a gain of about 45 parking spaces.
4. Vol Walker Hall remodeling and expansion will begin this summer and last until the summer of 2013. Architecture studios are being moved to the Field House and the offices moved off campus.
5. Lot 2 closed for Pi Beta Phi Gates and Campus Walk extension. Five ADA spaces and three permit holders were moved into lots 7, 8 and 9. We also changed four parking meters along Maple Street to B Reserved to accommodate these permit holders.
6. Summer Parking lot maintenance/construction:
 - a. Lot 14B – an 18 space Faculty/Staff lot extending from lot 14 to Regan Street
 - b. Expand tow lot to provide more vehicle storage area as well as space to park the charter fleet.
 - c. Lot 57A – repair hole
 - d. Lot 50 – Alligated area west of Brough, Humphreys and Yocom Halls
 - e. Buchanan Street – expand scooter/motorcycle parking by 10' to the east
 - f. Lot 23/Stonehenge Apartments – reconstruct lot
7. Pay-by-cell service – We are working to implement pay-by-cell service for our Luke multiple space meters in lot 67, west of HPER, and the Garland and Stadium Drive Garages. This will allow customers to establish an account with the provider and pay for their hourly parking using their cell phone. There is a 35¢ per transaction fee paid by the customer. The meter and transaction fees are charged to the customer's credit card. We expect to have this service available to departments to allow them to pay for their visitor's parking.
8. The meter codes are working for the Luke meters. Departments can request a meter code for one day or a series of days to allow the department to pay for their visitor's parking. The visitor parks in a numbered space, enters the code at the meter and selects the number of hours they plan to park. The department is billed monthly for their visitor's parking.
9. Transit Triennial review is May 16 & 17.
10. Transit Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) – working to get AVL on all transit, charter and Safe Ride vehicles. We will eventually have bus locations available on the web.

11. Replacing the bus washer in the bus garage and using a solar water pre-heater to heat the wash water. This is funded by a federal grant.
12. Purple Route has been added to the Reduced Routes. This provides evening and Saturday bus service to Hill Place, Crowne, Southern View and several other apartment complexes.

Kevin said there will be a construction drive that will go across Old Main lawn up to Ozark Hall and back and also extend up to Vol Walker Hall with an exit drive through lot 9. This is to provide access to several construction projects on the core of campus. This temporary drive will last about two years.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Departmental vehicles on level B2 of the Garland Avenue Garage – Faculty/Staff parking is slowly diminishing across campus so Staff Senate has proposed allowing university vehicles with Departmental permits to park on level B2 of the Garland Garage to try and provide more spaces for Faculty/Staff permit holders in surface lots. This proposal would require university vehicles parking on campus north of a line extending from the Arkansas/Dickson intersection, on the east, to the Markham/Thomas intersection, on the west, to be parked in Reserved spaces with the proper Reserved permit or on level B2 of the Garland Garage with a Departmental permit. Parking in Faculty/Staff lots would not be optional. Bridget moved to accept the proposal. Matt seconded the motion and it passed.
2. Interpreter permits – last year Parking tightened up on Visitor permits. The individual has to confirm that he/she is conducting business on campus. The Center for Educational Access has eight contracted interpreters and two hourly employees. Educational Access has been buying their Faculty/Staff parking permits. After discussion, the committee thought that Gary should make the decision on what to do with parking for the interpreters.
3. Parking lot 23 (Stonehenge Apartments) Lot Designation – Stonehenge Apartments will be converted to Graduate Assistant and Teaching Assistant offices and labs this summer. Transit and Parking will take control of the parking lot at that time. The lot designation needs to be determined. If it is a student lot, the GA's and TA's can use it but the residents of Duncan Avenue Apartments will fill the lot. If it is designated as Faculty/Staff, then the GA's and TA's can't use it, under our current policy, because they cannot purchase a Faculty/Staff permit. It could be designated as a Reserved lot, allowing the GA's and TA's to purchase the Reserved permits, but these are expensive permits. After discussion Bob Stassen moved for Gary to work with Fulbright College on a TA reserved permit, based on a prioritized list and Gary deciding on a price. It was seconded and passed.
4. Lot Specific Plan – Gary reviewed the on-going planning effort of the lot specific parking. The plan has four tiers of surface parking lot pricing plus a higher price for garage parking. An on-line registration system will allow customers to select up to six lot preferences for their parking. Gary stressed this has worked at other universities. Prices are not yet determined. The plan would go into effect in the fall of 2012.
5. Election of Chair – Kevin has done an outstanding job as Chair of the committee for three years. Susan nominated Scott Flanigan. Scott was elected as chair for FY12.

The meeting was adjourned.