

# **TRANSIT, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 25, 2012

Scott Flanagan, Chair

Members Present: Michele King, Jeremy McAtee, Bridget Penrose, Susan Stiers, Renee Clay, Reggie Houser, Matt Mills, Matt Trantham, Onissa Harries (for Cameron Mussar), Kevin Santos, MarTeze Hammonds, Jeremy Battjes, Carsten Schmidtke, Gary Smith, and Bob Stassen. Holly Harbin, secretary, was also present.

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 28, 2011. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **Report on Current Status of Parking at U of A:**

Gary briefed the committee on the following:

1. Lot 75 was expanded to Oakland Ave. adding 30 Faculty/Staff spaces.
2. Lot 67 was closed Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> to begin construction on two new football practice fields. The current practice fields are being replaced by the Football Operations Center. The new east practice field will have about 210 parking spaces below it. To help compensate for some of the parking no longer available to HPER customers, Lot 55 was redesignated to faculty/staff on the perimeter with metered parking on the inner spaces. To accommodate for the new construction, Meadow Street may lose its right turn lane onto Razorback Road, which would cause traffic to become backed up on Meadow. (Note: New information indicates the right turn will remain but the traffic lanes will be shifted to the south, causing the loss of three to six parking spaces.)
3. ParkMobil has been implemented. We are in the process of expanding the service to the single space meters. This system allows customers to pay for meter parking using their cellphone.
4. The football tailgating policy is being revised in conjunction with the Athletics, Housing, Police, and Facilities Management Departments as well as the Razorback Foundation.
5. Hotz Hall will be vacated for renovation this spring and modular buildings will likely be used to house some of the offices that were in Hotz. Lot 2 has been closed and will be the site of a modular building. Lot 74 will also house two to three modular buildings as well, which will be a loss of around 50 student spaces. Testing services will move into the old SCAC building, so 15 student spaces in Lot 74 will be occupied by a modular building there. (Note: More recent information indicates only the modular building west of the SCAC building will be built. The buildings in lot 74 south of SCAC and the one in lot 2 will not be constructed.)
6. Transit is getting two new buses that will use urea, a solution which helps cut down on diesel emissions.
7. Transit is working on implementing a smart phone application which uses GPS to show bus location. The server is here, and the GPS hardware should be here in a few weeks.
8. Parking is looking at implementing a smart phone application which shows which lots have empty parking spaces available. No decision has been made at this time.
9. Lot 16 (Stonehenge Apartments lot) was designated as a reserved lot for students and faculty/staff whose offices are in there. These permits will cost \$75 more than the regular student and faculty/staff permits. The lot will be slightly oversold.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to discuss at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Lots 45/59 Space Redesignation**

The Athletic Department has requested to have 12 Faculty/Staff spaces in lot 59 and eight Faculty/Staff spaces in lot 45 redesignated as Reserved for their staff. The closing of parking lot 67, east of HPER, has increased the difficulty locating parking for employees in this area. Matt Trantham pointed out on the map the areas of Lot 59 and 45 that Athletics is requesting to have redesignated to blue reserved. He says that there are a lot of vehicles with yellow media hang tags using those spaces. Also, due to construction Athletics is losing the space where they house their vehicles. Jeremy Battjes expressed concern that changing these spaces to reserved would make it more difficult for HPER users with yellow tags to find parking nearby. Reggie Houser pointed out that Lot 55's redesignation makes up for a lot of the Faculty/Staff spaces that the HPER lost from Lot 67. The possibility of temporarily redesignating Lot 54 to Faculty/Staff to make up for the loss was discussed. The lot is used in the morning by the swim team but sits empty much of the time because many residents of Pomfret choose to buy green student permits instead of resident reserved. The Football Operations Center is estimated to be finished by the summer of 2013, so the spaces could be returned to their normal designation once it is completed.

The motion was made to change nine spaces in Lot 45 and twelve in Lot 59 to Blue Reserved. The motion was seconded and passed, with two against it.

2. **Designate lots 47N and 74 as No Overnight Parking**

HPER has requested these two lots be designated as no overnight parking to provide more parking for students who go to HPER for classes, to use the facilities and intramural events. The Student spaces in lot 67 were designated as no overnight parking to prevent the lot from being used as vehicle storage for the residents of Pomfret Hall and the Greek Houses in the area. MarTeze Hammonds mentioned designating Meadow Street as No Overnight Parking, which will allow for more HPER parking as well as allow for street cleaners.

The motion was made to restrict overnight parking in lots 47N, 74, and 51. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned.