

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

October 28, 2011

Kevin Santos, acting as Chair in Scott Flanagin's absence

Members Present: Jeremy McAtee, Andrew Branham, Cameron Mussar, Katie Helms, MarTeze Hammonds, Michele King, David Martinson, Bridget Penrose, Kevin Santos, Carsten Schmidtke, Gary Smith, Bob Stassen, Susan Stiers, and Gary Crain. Holly Harbin, secretary, was also present.

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Bridget Penrose made the motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2011. The motion was seconded by Susan Stiers and passed.

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

1. Transit ridership is up. A second bus was added to the Purple route during peak ridership trips due to heavy ridership. Safe Ride ridership is up as well.
2. Citations are down 15% from last year. Spacing out classes throughout the day and into the evening appears to have helped the parking situation.
3. Lot 75 is expanding to Oakland and will add about 30 Faculty/Staff spaces to the current 35 in a gravel lot. Student lot 78B will be added at the corner of Gregg and Douglas; 14B will add 18 Faculty/Staff spaces on Regan Street, and the scooter parking area on Buchanan Street is being expanded.
4. The Dixon Street Annex was demolished, creating 45 additional Reserved parking spaces in lot 71.
5. Parkmobile was implemented to allow customers to pay for their parking at the multiple space meters using their cell phone. These meters no longer accept credit cards, but they do still take cash.
6. The Parking Space Replacement Policy was approved by the campus administration. This policy requires projects displacing parking to pay to replace the parking and building projects bringing more occupants to campus to pay to construct parking for those occupants.
7. Level B2 of Garland Garage now has an electric vehicle charging station for 110 and 220 volt vehicles. Charging is free, but vehicles parking in the spaces must have a Garland Garage permit or pay the meter fee.
8. The campus tailgating policy was revised for this football season and will be reviewed at the end of the season.
9. Since the permit policy was changed to make permits valid only for the permit holder and not for anyone driving the vehicle, special arrangement were made for employees who carpool with their Fayetteville High School student. FHS students who drop off their parent can park their parent's vehicle in lot 56, with permission from Transit and Parking.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Athletics Department will be building a Football Ops Center north of the Dill Indoor Practice Facility and two football practice fields on Lot 67. This lot will be closed approximately one year. The use of lot 55 was discussed to address the need of

customer parking for the HPER. Gary showed the layout of the proposed changes, which includes three rows of metered parking and additional Faculty/Staff spaces. Ten Faculty/Staff spaces in lot 59 will be changed to eight ADA parking spaces. Cameron moved approval of the changes, Kevin seconded the motion, and it passed.

2. The Athletic Department will not have Level 2 at Garland Garage for football scholarship parking next year because it will be needed for student parking. The Athletics Department has requested to use lots 31, 32, and 33 as scholarship parking for the 2012 football season and may also use lot 71 for football scholarship parking next fall. Lot 73 will be used for Men's Basketball parking this year. In the past students have had to vacate all basketball scholarship lots by 5 p.m. Susan mentioned that commuter students may be using those lots, especially during the week, and may not have enough time to move their vehicles. Kevin Santos proposed they change the deadline to vacate Lot 73 to 6 p.m. Bridget Penrose made a motion to accept the use of lots 31, 32, and 33 for scholarship parking during the 2012 football season and the use of Lot 73 for Men's Basketball scholarship parking this year, with a vacate time no earlier than 6 p.m. for games on weekdays. Cameron seconded the motion. Carsten had the only opposing vote.
3. Susan Stiers discussed either prohibiting freshman from parking on campus or prohibiting freshmen from bringing cars because of increasing enrollment and limited parking space. Gary stated that he has evaluated remote freshman student parking in the past. A 2500 space remote parking lot would cost about \$15 million to construct, excluding the cost of the land. Park and ride lots were also discussed, but transit doesn't have the capacity to add another bus at this time. MarTeze mentioned Baum as remote parking. Gary said Baum is currently used for park and ride parking but it needs to be vacated for all baseball and football games. Some concerns were that prohibiting freshman from bringing cars or parking on campus may impede enrollment growth, that students may park in surrounding residential areas leaving no parking for residents, or that they might use local businesses' parking areas, which could hurt local businesses.

The meeting was adjourned.