

Jeremy McAtee, Katie Helms, Susan Stiers, Reggie Houser, Donna Daniels, Kevin Santos, Michele King, Luti Salisbury, Mike Norton, Fowad Siddiqui, Yousef Ibrahim, Andrew Braham, Alexandra Boyd, Onnissia Harries, David Martinson, Gary Smith, and Holly Park (taking minutes). Plus one lady present for ICNWA proposal.

The meeting was called to order, by Susan Stiers, Chair.

**Approval of last meeting's minutes:** motion was made, seconded, and passed.

**Current status of parking:**

1. Funding - \$66,000 more in ops funding more than this year, but \$55,000 less in capital funds (maintenance & bus purchase). Buses cost \$385,000 each, so we're looking for additional funding sources.
2. 78A – at Douglas & Gregg – The University has acquired property next to it and should add 56+/- student parking spaces.
3. The University has acquired Sunshine Apartments on Cleveland & Hall and plan to have an asphalt lot with about 500 spaces on that site ready to open when school starts in fall. Parking is looking at trying to design in some bio-swells, grass strips between parking areas that help filter out water/run-off because we're dealing with a new watershed in this area.
4. There are three parcels on Gregg where houses are to be demolished, and more Faculty/Staff parking will be added there.
5. Moped U has contacted us about renting 49cc scooters, by the month. They train the renter, and provide helmets.
6. Reggie asked about Hotz reopening. Gary says that we are looking at how Reid functions to get ideas for working with Hotz car & bus traffic.
7. Andrew asked about permeable pavements, and Gary said that facilities said we don't have proper soil (clay) for that type, and we'd have to build a retention pond. The lots also have to be vacuumed fairly often. The airstrip at the Fayetteville airport had used it, but he hasn't heard if it works well or not.

**Old Business:**

None at this time.

**New Business:**

1. The committee discussed a proposal for parking by the Islamic Center of NWA during prayer from 1pm-3pm on Friday only, and during Ramadan. If the Islamic Center can pay per car yearly, and the TPT gives permission, the parking dept. can issue no-ticket tags for participants of the ICNWA. The requested discounted rate is \$20 per car per year. U of A Student Fowad Siddiqui and Yousef Ibrahim, President of ICNWA, spoke in favor of the proposal. Mike Norton, chair of senate, had a meeting with Gary about it earlier. Norton stated that this is a unique scenario because it is the only mosque in Washington Co. & one of two in NWA. He recommends it. MSA representative asks for

the accommodation as the center is surrounded by university property and only has 10 spaces (9 and one ADA). Susan says that she understands Gary's stance that what we do for one, we have to do for all, so we have to consider what that will mean for the future. Katie agrees and says that for the sake of consistency, the rate stays as is. Gary talks about what options we use for different departments and special events and states that paying a meter rate of \$1.45 per hour is much less expensive than a ticket. Andrew mentions the lot at Baum Stadium, which is free and has free bus transport to/from. Fowad mentions unused space nearby during that time, and a lady representing ICNWA mentions that they need to have quick access in order to get in & out if they're going to pray on their lunch break. Michele points out that it is only a very short period of time on one day per week. Gary says that we have meters for non-students and that permits are available for students, so it's not that we don't have any options already. Onnissa suggests that we recommend that they park inside the MSPG for \$1.45/hr because it is close and easy access. Fowad states that the ASG has already approved this and that the lot is for the students, and the senate agreed that this was a unique scenario. Jeremy says that we have to stick to our policies and that they have parking accommodations to utilize, but they're asking us to set aside policy and make an exception. Susan states that we have to have good reasons because if we set aside this policy we would have to make a new policy in its place. Luti mentions that ASG makes decisions about students, and the students are taken care of. Kevin made a motion to accept their request, and Michele seconded. Three were for the proposal; all others against. Reggie doesn't know that we can come up for anything special for their group and not accommodate every other group who asks. Andrew states that the committee makes these rules for a reason. Michele asks if there's not some permit that can allow for parking for special events, etc. Gary states that there is the temporary/visitor permit that allows daily parking for \$5.93 per day. Annual visitor/vendor permits have to prove vendor affiliation. Kevin mentions that \$3 per week isn't much for metered parking if they were to utilize that option. Mike suggests that we expand access to permits for the university as an additional revenue source for the university. Fowad mentions the possibility of offering their parking area for tailgating, but the director says that they've already tried selling passes for tailgating and had problems with law enforcement blocking the road or drive. Reggie says that they could get it done, and that they could possibly go for \$1000 per space per game.

2. Gary says that we're being asked to add more scooter parking, and that the permits are \$7.42 right now. It requires roughly the same square footage to park a scooter as a motorcycle, but motorcycle permits are more. Susan states that she thinks it is too much of an increase all at once. Reggie says that the real problem is people parking scooters wherever they want. Students even put scooters inside their residence hall. Gary says we don't go inside buildings to take scooters out of residence halls (gas a fire code violation), but we do work with housing if one is reported. Reggie also says that he thinks there are a lot of motorcycles out there with scooter permits. Reggie says it's about space maximization, and that motorcycles should be required to be in motorcycle spaces, not in a full space. Donna says she doesn't have a problem with increasing

scooter permit to the motorcycle price. A motion was made to pass an increase in the price for scooter permits. The motion was seconded, and all agreed. The motion was passed.

3. Susan handed out copies of the off-campus survey that the OCC conducted this past fall just to share some facts about off-campus students. "Commuter students" on the survey are undergrads living off campus. Traditional students are 18-24 year olds; non-traditional students are those who are married, financially independent, over 24 years of age, etc.
4. Since the committee has a student representing the grad school, someone from ASG, and an additional student, Susan would like for there to be a specific off-campus undergrad student to be on this committee. Gary says to recommend it to Dr. Pedersen because he's the one who makes the recommendations for the committee members. Reggie recommends that this student needs to have lived on a campus for at least one year. Kevin approved the motion, and Reggie seconded. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.