

# Minutes of the Transit, Parking, and Traffic Committee- April 20, 2010

Members Present: Reggie Houser, Michele (Mikey) King, Wing Ning Li, Andrew LoPinto, David Martinson, Jenn Miller, Cindy Pickney, Henry Rowe, Gary Smith, Susan Stiers, Matt Trantham and Tim Jiping Zou. Also present were Andy Gilbride from Transit and Parking and Elaine Quinn, secretary.

Henry Rowe moved to approve the February 22, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **Current Parking Status**

1. The car-share contract has been returned to Hertz for signature. We should have three vehicles on campus by August 16. The tentative plan is to park them in lot 50, west of Brough Commons.
2. The Garland Avenue Garage is scheduled to open in August before classes start.
3. Razorback Transit is considering running the Maple Hill Express all day and adding a stop at the Garland Garage. It currently runs for 2 ½ hours each morning.
4. Lot 2 will likely be closed before classes begin in August. Several reserved and ADA spaces will have to be relocated. There will still be access to the Plant Science loading zone area

## **Old Business**

A. At the last meeting Gary was asked to talk to Dr. Curt Rom and ask him for suggestions on what to do with the many departmental vehicles in Faculty/Staff parking lots. He didn't have any Gary also contacted Steve Gahagans, Director of the University Police, and Ron Edwards, Associate Director of Facilities Management about vehicles parking on the sidewalks, especially along Garland Avenue near Holcombe Hall. They both agreed to inform their respective staff to not park on the sidewalk there and to refrain from parking on the sidewalks if there were other alternatives.

B. Afternoon reserved permits - We have received four requests. All are for lot 71 S Reserved. We are trying to get more counts later in the day to check availability We should be issuing those permits within the next week

### **New Business**

A. Using Athletic parking lots for events in Walton Arena – Matt Trantham said Chancellor Gearhart had approached Jeff Long about Athletics working with the Walton Arts Center and University Programs in using Bud Walton Arena for events and concerts. This would generate community support. There has to be available parking to be a successful event so Matt was asking the committee to approve usage of the same scholarship lots that are used for football and basketball games. The events would mostly be on weekends and in the evenings. Reggie was concerned that students would be moving their vehicles for these events and then the lots wouldn't be used by event goers causing discontent. Athletics would need to prioritize lot usage based on size of the events. Reggie moved for Athletics to proceed with investigating on whether this event option is doable with consideration of a prioritized usage of the parking lots. The motion was seconded and passed.

B. Instant bike commuter program – Kevin commented that a school in Oregon reclaims abandoned bicycles, fixes them up and then for a \$75 charge a student can rent them and a helmet for the year. Gary said the Razorbikes Program has 54 bicycles that are free bikes for anyone to use around campus. It was suggested to check with ASG to try and find out if any students would be interested in renting a bike for a year. Some international students might like this idea. Facilities Management recently installed 200 bike racks.

C. Departmental vehicle parking proposal – Gary presented a proposal to have departmental vehicles park in specific lots and get them out of Faculty/Staff parking lots. He has one lot suggestion on the north side of campus and is trying to find another one on the south. These vehicles would have special permits that would only allow parking in these specific lots. (Departments can still purchase Reserved permits for their vehicles). Gary is asking for approval for the concept and then as it proceeds, he will give the committee feedback. Henry made the motion to grant Gary's request to move forward in this. It was seconded and passed.

D. Wal-mart Shareholders use of lot 56 – In the past Wal-mart has primarily used the indoor tennis facility for the vendor fair and used part of lot 46 and then branched out to surrounding lots. This year they only want lot 56 and the Gardens to keep it in one area. Matt Trantham said starting next year there is a great possibility that the University will host a softball regional and maybe even a super regional tournament. These would happen at the same time as Wal-mart. Athletics has to have the spaces in lot 56 to be able to host. Wal-mart needs to be informed that the spaces may be used for this each year.

E. Fayetteville High School construction and its impact on UA parking – the high school is expanding. We have tried to get in contact with them to find out their plans for displaced parking. We do not have the space during the fall semester for all the high school students to park in lot 56 along with the band and our own students. We have received phone calls stating an announcement was made at the high school for students to purchase permits for UA parking. One option to help with this situation would be to build a parking lot, with financial assistance from the Fayetteville School System, to provide parking for their FHS students. Athletics would also be able to use the area for athletic event parking if they also contributed. Members were asked to brainstorm ideas on how to control and manage FHS student parking on the UA campus this fall.

F. RV parking rule – There is ample parking for all RV's to park in the Road Hog Park. We would like to add to our Rules and Regulations a statement saying that there is no RV parking on campus unless special arrangements are made.

G. Athletic use of lots 54 and 22 as scholarship parking – At the last meeting lot 54 was changed from Resident Reserved to Student and lot 22 from Resident Reserved to Faculty/Staff since residents were not using the spaces. Currently a tailgating policy is being developed to provide controls for athletic tailgating. Reggie is concerned if lot 54 is turned into a scholarship lot, tailgating will be going on right next to the residence hall. There needs to be some distance from the residence hall. Tailgating is supposed to legally begin after 5 p.m. the Friday before a game. Matt recommended not using lot 54 for tailgating right now. Reggie moved to approve using lot 22 for football scholarship parking. It was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

