

Minutes of the Transit, Parking, and Traffic Committee- September 28, 2010

Members Present: Renee Clay, Gary Crain, Scott Flanagan, Reggie Houser, Wing Ning Li, Andrew LoPinto, David Martinson, Bridget Penrose, Cindy Pickney, Carsten Schmidtke, Gary Smith, Susan Stiers and Tim Jiping Zou. Also present were Henry Rowe for Donnie Blagg and Elaine Quinn, secretary.

Reggie Houser moved to approve the April 20, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded by Susan Stiers and passed.

Report on Current Parking Status - Gary Smith

1. The Garland Center opened in August. The retail space will have a Spoons Yogurt, a pharmacy and a sandwich shop. Several other merchants are interested renting space. Students have purchased over 600 permits for the top two levels in the Garland Avenue Garage while faculty and staff have only bought 24 permits.
2. Luke parking meters were installed in the Garland Garage, Stadium Drive Garage, lot 67 by HPER and in lot 53 by the West Avenue Annex. The meter currently accepts bills and coins and eventually will accept credit cards and Razorbucks.
3. GoLoco has been our car pool vendor but is going out of business. We are currently researching other options.
4. We received three Connect by Hertz car share vehicles; a Ford Escape that rents for \$9 an hour and a Toyota Prius and Mazda 6 that rents for \$8 an hour each. These vehicles are parked in lot 50. Students and employees can sign up on the web.
5. Facilities Management installed 125 bike loops over the summer, bringing the total number of bike parking spaces on campus to 1000.
6. Parking has been issuing warnings to unpermitted and improperly parked bicycles since the fall of 2009. Beginning October 1, citations will be issued. The first citation for no permit will be cancelled when the owner purchases a permit.

7. This summer we repaired parking lots 56, 48, 48A, 77, 77A, 78, 64 and 41 for a total cost of \$300,000.

8. We're in the process of demolishing the house at 535 Storer to construct a 31 space parking lot. The reserved permit holders in lot 36 will be moved to this new lot and the Reserved parking in lot 36 will be redesignated as Faculty/Staff.

9. Faculty/Staff parking will also be added on Lindell Street when the contractors for the Garland Garage move out of the three houses that they've been using. These will be gravel lots because construction is planned there in the future.

10. Citations are now being transferred to ISIS for customers who have an ISIS account. Parking continues to send statements to rental car agencies and customers without an ISIS account. 11. We are still working with the City of Fayetteville for them to provide enforcement for lot 53 after 5 pm weekdays and on the weekends.

12. The lot 2 project is anticipated to begin May 2011.

13. The old Health Center will be renovated beginning this December.

14. The Maple Hill transit route has been renamed the Yellow route. This was done to reduce confusion between the names of the Maple Hill and the Maple Hill Express routes. The bus routes that travel northbound on Garland past the Garland Center have a stop there and the routes coming southbound on Garland stop across the street at the Pat Walker Health Center.

15. Transit ridership has increased over the past three years. Ridership for FY11 topped 1.5 million passengers. Razorback Transit also received three 40' low floor buses this summer, with stimulus funding paying 100% of the cost.

16. Transit and Parking worked with the Athletic Department, Facilities Management, University Housing, Business Affairs, University Legal Counsel and UAPD to develop the new athletic tailgating policy.

New Business

A. Susan Stiers from Off Campus Connections wanted to share some of the off campus student's concerns with the committee. OCC sent out a request to

their listserv asking for reports of specific parking issues recently experienced by commuter students. With the dramatic increase of students living off campus this fall, it was felt that this information might prove helpful to the Transit and Parking Department. Over 100 emails were received, screened and categorized by OCC staff before sharing with Gary. He plans on reviewing and addressing the concerns with these students in the near future. The number of undergraduate students residing off campus has risen from 11,416 to 13,455 this year. 4,000 of those have a Fayetteville address so a majority commute from outside the city.

Other discussions involved whether the Farmer's Market was still going to operate this fall in the lot 56 band practice area. The Farmer's Market will not be held in lot 56 this fall. Oversized vehicles in lots are making it difficult to drive through some lots. The committee would like for everyone with a parking permit to be added to the Parking listserv.

Old Business:

None presented.

Motion made to adjourn at 3:30 and passed.