

TRANSIT, PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2017 2:00 PM

Present: Mikey King, Samantha Higgins, Gary Smith, Matt Trantham, Laura Shiver, Cindy Morley, Jeremy McAtee, Colleen Briney, Felisha Perrodin, Dave Gibbs, Tonya Foster, Connie Moloney, Mark Nichols, and Chris Shields.

Note taker: Sherry Williams

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Felisha Perrodin made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2016 as written. The motion was seconded by Laura Shiver. Motion carried unanimously.

Report on Current Status of Transit and Parking:

- Transit has received three new buses with new exterior branding and interior color – changed from blue to red interior.
- Most transit drivers are in uniform – still working on a few issues.
- Transit is still in the process of testing automatic passenger count software.
- Phase I of the bus lot expansion should be complete by the end of March 2017. Phase II will begin in late May with a completion date of mid-August 2017.
- Parking has selected NuPark as the license plate recognition vendor. Plans are for this system to be operational by July 1, 2017.
- The RFP is out for bids for pay-by-plate multiple space meters – should close on March 9, 2017.
- A feasibility study will begin soon for a parking garage to be located on Douglas Street, between Whitman and Gregg.
- There is a possibility of a commuter parking lot on Beechwood that will have approximately 1,100 parking spaces and will be served by Transit.
- The band practice area could be relocated out of lot 56 to the Baum Stadium East parking lot (a gain of 460 student parking spaces).
- A section of Stadium Drive will close 2/24/17 – the section from Leroy Pond Drive roundabout north to West Clinton Drive. Should reopen on 5/11/17.
- Lot Counts –
 - A student parking space count was conducted in September with an occupancy rate of 87% (count included lot 44 student parking and no use of the band practice area of 460 spaces). This fall, without any increase in the number of student parking permits, we project a 95% occupancy rate due to the loss of student parking in lot 44.

- A faculty/staff occupancy rate in September was 88%. With the loss of 141 spaces due to Delta Gamma House construction on lot 14, we anticipate the faculty/staff occupancy rate this fall to be 95%.

Old Business:

Jeremy McAtee made a motion to allow faculty/staff parking privileges to lecturers if they have a letter from their department stating they are enrolled in one hour of classes (to complete their dissertation) and are the instructor of record. Matt Trantham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

The following items were discussed but no action was taken:

- Complaints by remote permit holders that the remote lot is full of student permit holders and they have no place to park.
- Fine increases this fall:
 - No overnight from \$25 to \$75
 - ADA from \$150 to \$200
 - No permit from \$40 to \$50, same as unauthorized
- Fayetteville High School students parking in lot 56 in the spring semester.
- Phase II of Razorback Road Widening Project should begin in April 2017.

Mikey King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cindy Morley. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.