

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 11, 2021 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Maj. Brad Barber, Sara Diffenbach, Eric Esterline, Thomas Hawkins, Allen Masters, Keith Rambo, Carley Rudd, Scott Washburn, Matt Williams

LIASONS: Linda Dixon, Scott Fox, Craig Hill

NON-MEMBERS: Jacob Adams, Stephen Caron, Jessica Davidson, Thomas Featherington, Ron Fuller, Adam Gayle, Laurie Hall, Melanie Heflin, Frank Javaheri, Chris Kammin, Rachel Mandel, Wade McLauren, Cydney McGlothlin, Mac McKinney, Alison Moss, George Murphy, Brian Snyder, Randy Sorenson, Jennifer Tolan, Caeli Tolar, James Vignola, Robert Walpole, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren Amos, Ann Baird, Micaela Gibbs, Meryl Jones, Michelle Leonard, Kalen Manasco, Mark Rush, Vincent Savarino

CHAIR: Keith Rambo

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Keith Rambo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Rambo asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from March 2021. Motion to approve as presented was set by Scott Washburn and seconded by Thomas Hawkins. The minutes of March 2021 were approved.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

- Projects
 - Tigert Hall Construction – Awaiting FDOT/UF for construction agreement approvals on SW 13th Street.
 - Bus pull-outs
 - Scooter parking oversight transferred to the University from the City of Gainesville
- Conducting pre-bid meeting for garage maintenance work – Work for next year.
- Continuing efforts to support COVID-19 testing and vaccine sites at Garages XI and Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
 - Operations at stadium will cease June 1.
 - Operations for testing and vaccinations will continue at garage XI
- Newell Corridor work has begun
 - New pedestrian entrance off University Avenue to Newell extension
 - Scooter parking removed west of library – Relocated to Fletcher/Sledd/Thomas Halls.
 - Gated Gold/Silver parking is in the former scooter area.
 - Lot on west side of Murphree Hall is Red 1 decal parking
 - Lot switches allow for scooters to utilize the new Gold/Silver lot 6:00pm to 6:00am weekdays and all weekends.
 - Different parking design – “Ghost” underlayer for scooter parking areas.
 - All vehicles have easy access to this area in the evenings
- Utility project work has begun.
 - Frank Javaheri presented and explained the phasing project map for the Museum Road and Newell Drive. – Four (4) locations
 - Remaining and remaining parking accesses – Both locations for Garage IV.
 - Deactivated the auto-free zone areas.
 - Removed restrictions at McCarty West for exit at Garage IV

- Ron Fuller noted that upon the new academic year and the reopening of campus this area will have a significant increase in motor vehicle (cars, scooters, e-scooters), bike and pedestrian traffic and to be mindful when traveling in these areas. Prepare for and expect delays.
- Scott Fox added that TAPS will be responding to traffic changes as they occur with this project.
 - Noted increase in traffic through Garage IV – installing surface mounted speed bumps to slow down traffic.
- Jacob Adams answered inquiries regarding E-scooters. Scheduled to be on campus June 7.
 - Ron Fuller stated parking areas for e-scooters have been created and these will be the only areas where e-scooters are legally supposed to park.
 - The designated scooter areas will cease the meter timer on the e-scooters.
 - The committee discussed additional e-scooter topics
 - Portability into buildings – Foldable?
 - Parking and metered timer for e-scooters
 - Personal e-scooter parking and policies – Technologies such as geofencing for speed control.
 - Matt Williams stated that EH&S is updating their policy that prohibits bicycles in building to prevent e-scooters from being charged in buildings.

SW 13TH STREET BIKE PATH CONCEPT

PRESENTING: LINDA DIXON PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Linda Dixon began by introducing Rachel Mandel who will be joining PATAC meetings on occasion and filling in for Linda as needed. Linda noted that Senior Planner Erik Lewis retired in February. Linda then presented the Power Point for the SW 13th Street Shared-Use Path. This was first discussed by the committee in October 2020 with the Inner Road project. This project is in the Transportation and Parking Strategic Plan, the Campus Master Plan and the Landscape Master Plan. Discussed were the following:

- Location is between Inner Road and Museum Road along SW 13th Street.
- No sidewalk on the west side
 - Large oak trees
 - Steep grade close to road
- Project is to create a pathway for bikes, pedestrians and e-scooters.
- Presented the Transportation and Parking Strategic Plan estimate - Project cost at \$451,000.
- Site map and photo key
 - Rework landscaping, planters,
 - Take out line of parking on the west side,
 - Rework slope and curb.
 - Create route to traffic signal at Museum Road and SW 13th Street
- Considering parking impacts – Cars and scooters
 - Parking Loss
 - 57 Total Impacted
 - ✓ 14 Dept. of Housing
 - ✓ 3 Disabled/special Reserved
 - ✓ 38 Orange
 - ✓ 2 Zip Car
 - Scooter Area TBD
 - Parking Mitigation
 - Reassign 8 Orange on west side of drive to Reserved and Housing
 - Reconstruct Reid Hall drop-off to add 4-6 spaces
 - Reassign other reserved or Zip Car space to Mallory Lot off Inner Road as needed (Orange)
 - Anticipated net loss is 52 parking spaces (Orange)

- Project Cost –
 - Design and Construction - \$720,000
 - Parking Mitigation - \$780,000
 - Optional Stormwater Daylight/Planted Swale – TBD
 - Not currently funded
 - Possible partnership with Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Gainesville for funding in the next year.
- Presented additional path in the Master Plan and Transportation and Parking Strategic Plan.
 - Location is Inner Road north and around west to Gale Lemerand Drive.

The committee discussed the following:

- Timeline – Depends on the funding
- Parking mitigation discussion
 - Scott Fox explained the history and pricing.
 - Cost of replacing parking
 - Puts away funding for future parking projects
 - Waiver of mitigation information – Exceptions
 - Recommendations for mitigation fee waiver is sent through the Vice President of Business Affairs office
- Frank Javaheri added the Inner Road is scheduled for the next 26 months, with project conclusion in late 2023 or early 2024. This project could be started sooner. Once Inner Road project is concluding, this project can begin.

ACTION:

The committee discussed extensively the mitigation fees.

- Discussed requesting 100% of assessed fees be waived for parking mitigation.
- Funding source for project – DOT would not pay mitigation.
- Craig Hill spoke of a larger overview of mitigation fees providing funds for parking garages.

A motion was set by Thomas Hawkins to approve the project concept with the recommendation of a waiver for the parking mitigation fees as this is a transportation project and necessary for safety enhancements to SW 12th Street. The motion was seconded by Eric Esterline.

There was further discussion regarding the percentage amount of the mitigation fee waiver:

- Suggested a 60% waiver
- Going back to \$5,000 per space fee with the concerns for future parking funds.
- Scott Fox stated that the last parking garage cost \$15,000 per space and thus the fee was recalibrated.
- Suggestion for a vague motion to leave up for Business Affairs to determine.
- Frank Javaheri commented the Inner Road project is a utility project removal of parking to allow for two-way traffic

An amended motion was offered by Thomas Hawkins – Approval of the SW 13th Bike Path Project with the caveats to:

- 1) Request to waive some or all of the parking mitigation fees as this is a transportation project which provided transportation access other than a car.
- 2) This is a necessary safety improvement to SW 13th Street.

This modified motion was seconded by Eric Esterline. Allen Masters opposed the motion. The motion carried.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT 2021-06

PRESENTING: LINDA DIXON, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Linda Dixon presented the Campus Master Plan, 2020-2030 Amendments. This Campus Mater Plan was presented in December 2020. This amendment presentation includes:

- McCarty Woods Future Land Use – Administration is changing this are back to conservation. 1.8 acres on the north side of Museum Road and on the corner of Newell Drive. In December 2020 it was presented as a potential building site.
- Future Land Use maps
- Table with future Land Use Acreage
- Campus Development Agreement – Negotiation phase, but no impact as there will be no development on that corner.
- Maps updated with the McCarty woods showing as preserved.
- Maps impacted by change, conservation areas and amended future building sites.

Allen Masters asked about the relocation of future development site. Linda Dixon state that it was to be reserved for future academic research, however it was not set to be developed in the next 10-year window. As it was controversial the land is now being preserved. The Land Use Committee had recommended not to change the future use, however the other committees approved the plan to amend with the change for the McCarty Woods area. Allen Master inquired about using modified conservation to improve safety in the area. Linda Dixon stated that she and Matt Williams discussed conservation land management plans and updating these plans. Issues would be funding to implement any management. These areas have been 'hands-off' to be maintained as a habitat. Discussed was perhaps installing appropriate signage for this area for safety purposes. The committee discussed further aspects of conservation lands and maintenance of these areas.

ACTION:

Allen Masters moved to approve the amendment to the Campus Master Plan. Thomas Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

ADDITIONAL TAPS ITEMS

PRESENTING: RON FULLER

DISCUSSION:

Ron Fuller presented and discussed these additional items:

- Rules and Regulations on TAPS website –
 - Rewriting to simplify
 - Reducing to items that should policy changes to be address internally.
- Chad Doering asked that everyone be aware that summer move in will be June 23rd, expecting 1800 students. Fall move in is August 14, expecting 7800 students.

UF-632 ASA-006 MUSEUM AND SWEETWATER SIGNAL AND BIKE PATH IMPROVEMNETS

PRESENTING: JIM VIGNOLA, PD&C, LAURIE HALL, CHW, ROBERT WAPOLE, CHW, BRIAN SNYDER, CHW, CAELI TOLAR, CHW

DISCUSSION:

Laurie Hall introduced the panel representatives from CHW. Presented was the Museum and Sweetwater Signal and Bike Path Improvements project. Although part of the from the Data Science Information Technology building project this is considered a separate project with separate funding. The following were presentation and discussed

- Project sites
 - Sweetwater Drive
 - Intersection of Sweetwater Drive and Museum Road
 - Museum Road to Center Drive
 - Small area on Center Drive.
- Photo of existing conditions
 - Realignment of drive entrance at Sweetwater Drive
- Photos of existing site

- Site Plan
 - Signal at Museum Road and Sweetwater Drive Intersection
 - Adding left-hand turn lane
 - North/South 15-foot-wide bike path
 - Pedestrian crossing at Center Drive to existing path
 - Connect to and east/west path
 - Connect to Bartram Woods and the multiuse trail system
 - Pedestrian barrier within Museum Road median
 - Existing fence along sidewalk was removed to allow views of the building
 - With no fence barrier, want to discourage jaywalking
- Bike Rack Relocation – Presented map for relocations – No net change with relocation
 - Removed 4 single sided 8-bike racks from Sweetwater Drive (-32 bike spaces)
 - Added 3 double sided 8-bike racks to area between the building (+24 bike spaces)
 - Added 1 double sided 8-bike rack to the northeast bike racks (+8 bike spaces)
- Signal Design at Museum Road and Sweetwater Drive
 - All red condition for pedestrian crossing – Includes diagonal crossing
- Museum Road Improvements –
 - West bound left turn lane
 - Reconfigured landscaped median
 - New asphalt pavement
 - New type-“F” curb and gutter
- Museum Road Improvements –
 - Median improvements
 - Green screen planted within the median
 - Redirect pedestrian to crossing areas
- Bike Path Landscape Plan

Committee discussed the following:

- Pedestrian traffic area during busier times
- Sweetwater Drive, north and south, alignment with current utility infrastructure tunnel.
- Utility project’s 30-foot dig area and the new bike path
 - Coordinating with Jacob Adam’s, UF Sustainability and the project manager with project scheduling.
- Traffic at left turn area at Museum Road
 - Queue for service vehicles
- Jim Vignola discussed CHW’s traffic study of the area
- Pedestrian crossing and signaling at Center Drive.
- Number of pedestrian scramble intersections state-wide.
 - Some located in Miami-Dade County

ACTION:

Matt Williams moved to approve the project as presented and the motion was seconded by Allen Masters. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTED BY: KEITH RAMBO

Keith Rambo presented the Faculty Senate Council website lists for current PATAC members. The lists included those who are dropping off the committee, new and renewing members and newly voted-in members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.