

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 11, 2022 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Brady Alexander, Emily Bartley, Jennifer Clark, Marty Dempsey, Emily Hind, Thomas Hawkins, Carolyn Kelly, Major Bart Knowles, Shelby Schultz, Matthew Terza, Emma Towler, Connor Wells, Scott Washburn, Matt Williams

LIASONS: Eddie Daniels, Linda Dixon, Chad Doering, Scott Fox Wright

NON-MEMBERS: Jacob Adams, Kaylee August, Mairead Baker, Tamera Baughman, Chris Carlson, "Derek", Matthew Doty, Ron Fuller, Frank Javaheri, Charles Kammin, Steve Landendorf, Rachel Mandell, Jeremiah McInnis, Keith Rambo, Milo Zapata, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Ann Baird, Ifgeneia Giandaki, Ramzi Salloum,

STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Noah Fineberg

CHAIR: Scott Washburn

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Scott Washburn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Washburn asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from September 2022. Motion to approve was set by Thomas Hawkins and seconded by Matt Williams. The minutes of September 2022 were approved.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

- License Plate Recognition (LPR) Vehicles
 - Seeing positive results – More hits and more reads
 - Some compliance issues – Backing into spaces
 - Vehicles getting numbers and generating citations.
 - Will be adding vehicles to the LPR fleet.
- Maintenance Issues
 - Football season preparations.
- Continuing Road Closures and Impacts
 - Museum Road west of Gale Lemerand until April 2023
 - Museum Road east of Gale Lemerand to Reitz
 - Center Drive to SW 13th is opening again.
- Auto-Restricted Zone
 - Removed for now due to roadway construction, access to certain parking lots and garages.
 - Will be restored and reactivated to assist with unnecessary traffic through campus core.
 - Expect messaging regarding auto-restricted zone in coming weeks.

There was an inquiry regarding windshield parking permits still being issued and how these permits are enforced with license plate recognition technology. Scott Fox stated the expiration of these permits will be extended for the remaining calendar year. The intent for the future is this type of permit will provide less access and be less available.

Keith Rambo, on behalf of Gail from Lakes and Vegetation inquired about visitor parking and the use of hanging permits with LPR. Scott Fox stated that it depends upon the type of permit issued. Permits are transitioning to virtual and although physical placard are still in use these will be at a minimum. It is the

intention to push for a virtual permit solution. Example given was honoring and checking the new employee two-week physical permit. TAPS expects some instances when physical permits will remain in use.

Ron Fuller and Scott Fox explained how LPR works in the parking lot.

Scott Washburn inquired about permit holders using two registered vehicles in one day with same permit, but different plates and if a citation would be issued as identified by LPR. Scott Fox stated that it could happen, however that would be addressed with the customer.

UF-675 – DISABILITY RESOURCES CENTER – PROGRAMMING PHASE

PRESENTING: TAMERA BAUGHMAN, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Tamera Baughman presented the programming phase of this new Disability Resource Center (DRC) project. This will be a new facility. The project has been moved around, but a location for this project has now been determined. The following was presented and discussed:

- Project Overview (Location)
 - NW 15th Avenue,
 - Old location of University Press buildings – will be demolished
- DRC Student Growth
 - From 1214 students in 2012-2013 to 5454 students in 2021-2022
 - Up 349%
- Comparison of Reid Hall location and proximity to classes vs. the new DRC location and proximity classes.
- Seeking to have the building to house other departments' offices to assist students.
- Project Overview Points:
 - The University disability Resource Center has been in existence since the 1970's, providing services to students. Approximately 6000 students are currently served.
 - The Future Land Use designation of the project location is Support/Clinical, as shown in the Campus Master Plan.
 - New DRC facility will be approximately 12,000 GSF.
 - S.U.S. Press buildings currently located on site will be demolished (as stated earlier).
 - The Institute of Black Culture and La Casita are across street to the west.
 - The Cooperative Living Organization is directly adjacent to the north, across SW 1st Avenue.
 - Other adjacent properties are within the City of Gainesville
- Site Overview, Existing Conditions and Sustainability
 - Current Landscape
 - Small amount of sod area and city sidewalk fronting NW 15th Street
 - No elevation changes
 - Powerline on NW 15th Street
 - What does the surrounding area look like?
 - Not located within the historic core/historic impact area on campus – one block north
 - Commercial businesses are on the south and residential areas on the north.
 - Roadway/Pedestrian Issues
 - Sidewalk has cracks separating uneven sections of concrete. Sidewalk enhancement necessary.
 - Parking located in rear, east side of property. Would like to provide new parking.
 - Quality and location of parking will be determined with assistance of civile engineering team and presented to PATAC at Schematic Design phase.
 - Currently no bicycle parking – Inadequate, old bike rack in small alleyway on side.

The committee discussed specifics area.

- Staff/faculty parking –
 - Permitting type
 - Point - Early arriving employees may utilize this space
- Drop off/pick up area
- Parking for appointments
- ADA parking
 - Require a state issued disability placard or plate
- City parking zoning designations – Parking behind buildings
 - Determined by design team
 - Discussion and coordination with City of Gainesville
- Matt Williams discussed bicycle and scooter access and parking.
- With the possible increase in traffic inquiry about signaling and ADA specific accommodations in the area.
- Tamera Baughman inquired of the committee regarding a lead time for projects involving signals/signage the City of Gainesville.

ACTION:

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the project, with the directive that the motor vehicle access be located on the south or east side of the building. Matt Williams seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and was approved.

VEHICLE-PEDESTRIAN-CYCLIST SAFETY AND VEHICLE SUB-COMMITTEE - LETTER TO VP REYNOLDS

PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN

DISCUSSION:

Scott Washburn introduced the memo to be sent to Vice President Curtis Reynolds regarding vehicle/pedestrian/cyclist safety from the sub-committee. This memo discusses the undesirable parking of (state) facilities, maintenance, delivery (vendor) vehicles. Thomas Hawkins assumed discussion of the memo:

- Scope of the issue is too large for Transportation and Parking Services alone
- To assist better the issue has been elevated to higher administration which oversees more departments.
- Body of memo identifies –
 - The specifics of the issue
 - Rules in place which prohibit the specific parking
 - History of the problem
 - Solution for the parking problem
 - Photos of vehicles parking in bike lanes, sidewalks and blocking traffic - Potential safety issues

Scott Fox discussed the following points:

- Existing dialog with Vice President Reynolds and expecting support for these issues.
- VP Reynolds has asked for a plan and implementation - Being worked on behind the scenes.
- Issue needs a message from the vice president's office - Timing is right.
- Improvement of infrastructure has taking place.
- Changing the parking behavior of state department vehicles.
- Parking challenges around campus
- Correcting poor behavior through messaging and enforcement.

Matt Williams asked about the following:

- Procurement and the vehicle free zones delivery times

- Vendors and contractors displaying permits

Scott Fox stated that both issues would need conversation and discussed with Procurement and Planning, Design & Construction.

Matt Doty, Hazardous Waste Management Group, discussed issues with effecting collection of hazardous waste around campus. Specific problems are Buckman Drive and McCarty Hall/Food Science areas. Thomas Hawkins offered solutions including:

- Better service drive access and availability.
- Better scheduling of deliveries.

Scott Fox discussed working to strategically to find appropriate fits in various parts of campus. Major Knowles further discussed the parking enforcement, timing of deliveries and other activities on campus.

Charles (Chuck) Kammin discussed facility and utility crews and access challenges on campus. Asked regarding timeline for the issues. Scott Washburn offered that there was no specific timeline, but this is a start for reaching out to the different departments to determine the parking and access needs This will enable a formulation of a plan. Scott Fox discussed enforcement and recognizing how the vehicle is engaged on campus. (Example used - a vehicle actively involved in maintenance and one merely parked under a tree shade.) Chuck Kammin also asked about the types of vehicles included in the traffic limitations – Pick-up trucks, golf carts, etc. The committee further discussed enforcement and regulation of these vehicles.

ACTION:

Scott Washburn asked for a motion to approve the memo noting that substantive changes to content could not be made other than for typos or grammar.

Thomas Hawkins thanked Chuck Kammin for his commentary and questions for consideration. As well it was noted that the memo could accompany the October PATAC meeting minutes, but if approved the memo could be sent after the meeting. He then moved to approve the letter as reviewed. Major Knowles seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

DISCUSSION ON SCOOTER TRAFFIC ON EAST STADIUM CONCOURSE

PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN

DISCUSSION:

Scott Washburn discussed with the committee scooter traffic and parking on the east side concourse of the stadium and along East-West Road. Being used for a significant amount of scooter traffic. The traffic pattern in one way counterclockwise from this area around Murphree Hall. Scooters parked in the zone north of the pool are driving along the stadium concourse to go south. Not a roadway. University Police Department does not have resources for constant enforcement. Suggested a solution be on the agenda at a future PATAC meeting.

- Major Knowles offered in the short term he will ask officers to monitor the area as possible and issue citations.
- He also stated that the University Athletic Association could assist with some discussion and a solution.
- Scott Fox stated that the area could not have a physical barrier due to needed wheelchair access. Noted the one-way will remain for the road.
- Scooter parking could be removed, but not an option at this time.
- Suggested similar bollards installation to those at the SW 13th Street tunnel.

ACTION:

This agenda item was only for discussion.

DISCUSSION ON BIKE LANES AND BIKE LANE ENFORCEMENT

PRESENTED BY: EMILY HIND

DISCUSSION:

Emily Hind discussed vehicle traffic on campus after 4:30pm and hazards to riding a bicycle after this time. States that traffic is in the bike lanes and very dangerous for bike traffic. Discussed traffic at Buckman and SW 17th Street. Stated that off campus routes are very comfortable for biking and campus is a hazard. Buckman Drive traffic does not allow for bike traffic. Suggests:

- Widening the bike lanes
- Enforcement of bike lanes

Showed aerial view of the discussed area. The bike lane ends because the road area is shared. This is due to the heavy right turns from Buckman Drive. Emily Hind suggested that a “No Right On Red” for this area. Asked for similar bike protection as in 17th Street.

The committee additionally discussed the following:

- Traffic dynamic
- Visiting the issue sites in the field
- Potential student project – Identifying solutions
- Repainting the bike lanes
- Capital improvements

ACTION:

This agenda item was for discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.