

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 14, 2023 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Emily Bartley, Jennifer Clark, Noah Fineberg, Thomas Hawkins, Carolyn Kelly, Major Bart Knowles, Shelby Schultz, Matthew Terza, , Scott Washburn, Connor Wells, Matt Williams

LIASONS: Linda Dixon, Scott Fox, Scott Wright

NON-MEMBERS: Kaylee August, Tamera Baughman, Chris Carlson, Ron Fuller, Michael Panarisi, Rachel Mandell, Allison Moss, Cydney McGlothlin, Andrew Meeker, April Pomputius, Keith Rambo, John Rassel, Alex Wong, Milo Zapata, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Ann Baird, Marty Dempsey, Ifgeneia Giandaki, Emily Hind, Charles Kammin, Ramzi Salloum,

STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Brady Alexander, Emma Towler

CHAIR: Scott Washburn

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Scott Washburn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Washburn asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from December 2022. The motion to approve was set by Thomas Hawkins and seconded by Maj. Bart Knowles. The minutes from December 2022 were approved as presented.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

- Projects -
 - Museum Road and Newell Drive Utility Work
 - Expected to be completed May/June 2023
 - Seven Day Notice Closure for Inner Road
 - Nearing date
 - Much of the behind-the-scenes work being done now to relocate reserved spaces
 - Northeast Gateway at Tigert Completed
 - “No Parking” stickers applied to bollards
 - Directional arrows and crosswalks installed
 - Added 25 Spaces at Garage 5 – Pay-By-Plate Parking.
 - From former lightly used scooter parking zone
 - Zone to handle overflow of event parking from Welcome Center.
- LPR (license plate recognition) Continues to Improve – Refined Each Month
 - Equipment installed in two additional vehicles
 - Currently four (4) LPR vehicles
 - Enforcement staff trained in operation of LPR vehicles
- Garage 14 Recently Awards Bronze Level Accreditation from ParkSmart
 - Parking garage equivalent for LEED accreditation.
 - There was some discussion regarding receiving higher certification.
 - Would have required a larger investment (millions) for items such as more charging stations, rooftop solar panels, etc.
 - Not an efficient use of parking area spaces.

Keith Rambo had some questions regarding electric vehicle operators and the four-hour time limit enforcement at Garage 14. Ron Fuller stated that TAPS is no longer understaffed and can be efficient at enforcement.

The committee discussed the status of the Regional Transit System's driver shortage. Some minimal improvement, but remain understaffed

- Level of service has decreased
- 44 positions filled, 70 open positions

UF-681 FLAVET OUTDOOR RECREATION COMPLEX – PROGRAMMING/SITE SELECTION PHASE

PRESENTING: ANDREW MEEKER, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Andrew Meeker presented the programming/site selection phase for the Flavet area outdoor recreation complex. This phase has been presented to other UF committees.

- Project Overview
 - Location
 - Five (5) acres southeast of Flavet Field
 - Background
 - Former tennis court facility – Was converted to temporary parking in 2018 due to construction of Garage 14.
 - Basis of Design Concept plans completed in 2021
 - Received funding support as a major project in 2022
 - Scope
 - With recent loss of Broward Outdoor Recreation Complex the University has a growing gap in outdoor recreational programming space. This project will serve to address the significant reduction in outdoor recreation space that has occurred over the past 10 years.
 - Photos were shown of the pre-2018 and post 2018 site – Tennis courts and then parking lot
 - Goals
 - Replace recreation amenities lost from Broward
 - Improve connections and relationships to Graham pool
 - Support Gator Band Shell operations and functions
 - Parking
 - Parking loss is approximately 230 spaces
- Existing Conditions – Photos
- 2021 Basis of Design – Legend of Circulation and Amenities
 - Covered Fitness Court
 - Covered Activity Area
 - Artificial Turf Lawn
 - Beach Volleyball – 3 courts
 - Tennis Courts – 6 courts
 - Restrooms
 - Bike Racks
 - Existing Pickleball Courts
 - Graham Pool
 - Improved Service Drive
- Current Scope Map included:
 - Possible multi-use paths
 - Existing pickleball courts to be resurfaced 2023
 - Possible nature overlook
 - Area to become tennis courts in 2023
 - Possible sidewalk/pedestrian connections – For future housing and building
 - Existing bleachers and recreation tennis facility building

- Existing bandshell restroom building
- Existing recycling and solid waste management dumpster area

There was committee inquiry and discussion regarding:

- Proposed nature trails integrated with trail system and current Master Plan.
 - The trails' design would be ADA compliant with consideration of all user groups.
- Parking:
 - Parking not an aspect of this project
 - Users are expected to use different modes of transportation to access area – Use existing parking in other parts of campus.
 - 224 parking area was Green graduate student parking for law school.
 - Mostly empty and underutilized
 - Used as overflow for event parking at O'Connell Center
 - Parking will be absorbed into Garage 14
 - Retention of parking in area - Area was temporary parking now being restored to Rec Sports.
 - Time frame of the start/initial resurfacing of tennis courts – Spring 2023, post-graduation.

ACTION:

Scott Washburn discussed a preliminary motion the creation of the recreational space and the removal of the current (temporary) parking without replacement.

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the project phase, with motion seconded by Maj. Bart Knowles.

Continued discussion by the committee regarding the parking in the project area:

- Parking space allowance for the University campus
- Parking in the area was temporary, with the understanding that the area would be restored to recreational space.
- Proximity of parking.

Alex Wong proposed an amendment to the motion for the programming/site selection phase for not only ADA parking but also increase on-site parking for usage of the area's amenities. There was a second by Noah Fineberg. Jennifer Clark requested the rereading of the motion with the proposed amendment for benefit of the voting committee. There was additional discussion regarding ADA parking accommodations in this area. There were three (3) members who voted for the amendment, 4 opposed.

The original motion was proposed. Matt Williams seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

MAE BUILDING PROJECT

PRESENTING: TAMARA BAUGHMAN, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

(Although not an initial agenda item this presentation was added as an informal courtesy to the committee.)
 Tamera Baughman presented a project located at MAE building garages on Gale Lemerand Drive. The current configuration are overhead garage doors with low-sloping ramps. These garages are not for vehicle storage; these doors permit vehicles to enter to be used for the labs. A map and photos were shown of the area. Noted the photos were dated and there have been some improvements, bike lane, sidewalks.

The proposed changes and improvements presented include:

- Addition of garage doors on the south end of building where double door and windows are located
 - Required removal of planted areas.
 - May have flagmen in area while work is being done.
 - Rerouting pedestrian traffic to west side of Gale Lemerand Drive
 - Noted project duration will be short.

The project information has been shared with University Police Department. Project will start in May 2023

The committee had some questions and discussed:

- Removal of UPD spaces for satellite office
 - Moving soon to new Public Safety Building
 - Will find alternative parking.
- No upgrade planned for other doors in building.
- Vehicles and studies done in this building

ACTION:

Information for the committee. No action necessary.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: AUTO RESTRICTED ZONE AS IT RELATES TO MAINTENANCE/DELIVERIES/PARKING AND UNIVERSITY AVENUE/BUCKMAN INTERSECTION ENHANCEMENTS

PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN, PATAC CHAIR

DISCUSSION:

The committee discussed the following points:

- Campus Auto-Free Zone -
 - Presented chart of permitted and restricted vehicles
 - Presented photos of vehicles blocking service drive entrances, bike lanes, etc.
 - Photos of traffic backed-up to Gale Lemerand Drive leading up to area
- Intersections and traffic flow, pedestrian traffic.
- Traffic study in area and out to intersections at University Avenue.
- Enforcement – University Police Department
 - Over 200 contacts to educate individuals about area
 - Issued warnings – 233 written for violations
 - 8 cited for service vehicles parking/lingering in bike lanes
 - Continued concern regarding service/vendor vehicle parking on sidewalks, bike and pedestrian areas.
 - Police presence
 - Information and messaging
- Presented articles:
 - City of Gainesville award of \$8 million US Department of Transportation grant to redesign University Avenue.
 - Enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety
 - Article about VCU's pedestrian safety campaign
- Enhancements for bicycle safety at Buckman Drive.
- Allison Moss discussed automated enforcement for violations, such as running a red light. Additional legislation for speeding specific to school zones. Offered to share bill legislation.
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ACTION:

No action. For committee discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.