

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 13, 2023 2:00 pm

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS: Emily Bartley, Jennifer Clark, Thomas Hawkins, Emily Hind, Charles Kammin, Scott Washburn,

LIASONS: Eddie Daniels, Linda Dixon, Scott Fox,

NON-MEMBERS: Kaylee August, Chris Carlson, Thomas Feather, Ron Fuller, Robert Hatker, Frank Javaheri, Rachel Mandell, Cydney McGlothlin, Wade MacLauren, Bill Pearson, Greg Roberts, Todd Whitehead, Seth Wood, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Ann Baird, Marty Dempsey, Ifgeneia Giannadaki, Carolyn Kelly, Major Bart Knowles, Ramzi Salloum, Matthew Terza, Matt Williams

STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Brady Alexander, Noah Fineberg, Shelby Schultz, Emma Towler, Connor Wells

CHAIR: Scott Washburn

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Scott Washburn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Washburn asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from May 2023. Noted was the omission of Emily Bartley's attendance at the meeting.

The motion to approve as presented was set by Thomas Hawkins with the inclusion of Emily Bartley's attendance and was seconded by Emily Hind. The minutes from May 2023 were approved.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS

DISCUSSION:

There was no update presented.

UF-687 BROWARD DINING RENOVATION AND EXPANSION – SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE

PRESENTING: TODD WHITEHEAD, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Todd Whitehead represented the project. He presented and discussed the projects schematic design phase:

- Project Overview
 - Project location is at Broward Dining south of Inner Road.
 - This is an addition to the existing Broward Dining and will increase seating from 550 to approximately 900 seats inclusive of indoor and outdoor dining. The project is located within Precinct 1.
- Existing Conditions
 - Noted and discussed:
 - Pedestrian pathway running along the east side of the current building. This pathway connects to the south.
 - Path that goes to Mallory
- Site Pan
 - Highlighted New Addition
 - Accessible Path
 - Rerouting pedestrian path and bicycle path to the east connecting to Mallory, continuing up and around.
 - Provides a wider lane and an ADA compliant pathway that does not currently exist in the area.

- Secondary path would be located along the new building but would not have the same accessibility.
- A connecting ADA accessible path will be between the two other pathways.

The meetings discussion included:

- Ron Fuller asked if the existing sidewalk was a ramp and would the project break the sidewalk into steps. Todd Whitehead showed photos and explained the existing conditions of the area. The existing ramp and steps on the east side would be reworked and become ramp for access. The existing path next to the building on the east side would have steps to achieve the grade needed for the path. Showed again the ADA path ramp/connector. The thought is that traffic would use the bypass path/ramp to the east.
- The entrance to the building will be moved from north to east side:
 - Allows a connection point
 - Connection point does not disturb the trees/canopy
- Confirmed the presentation was due to committee's previous concerns regarding pedestrian access in previous design.
 - Prior to the selection of design build team
 - Footprint unknown
 - Site has been selected
 - Confirmed seeking footprint approval

Thomas Hawkins discussed concerns and parking in the project area. The concerns include parking on the sidewalk along Inner Road and vehicles enter the curb-cut at the crosswalk area. Suggested bollards be placed to prevent motor vehicles from enter the area. As the Inner Road is shut down this area the offer is to view the design documents to see what measures may be made the thwart motor vehicle traffic. Noted was that Inner Road boundaries had capped this project. Cydney McGlothlin stated that the Inner Road project is separate. This should be address by the Inner Road project.as the project continues. Frank Javaheri noted Inner Road will have two-way traffic from the previous one-way post project. Chances of parking the area will be much smaller. The committee further discussed placing bollards at the crosswalk on Inner Road. Tom Feather stated the crosswalk will be raised with push-button signaling, suggesting it would be difficult for vehicles to access. He stated he would check into bollards for this area.

Linda Dixon discussed the landscape design and the removal of impervious surface. Asked that the surface be left in place for bike access turns, keeping bikes from riding across the grass. There was discussion about

- ADA compliance – Two dog-leg paths provide this
- Grade in area acceptable for bicycles

Google maps was accessed to show the current area, with a Fed Ex truck pulled onto the sidewalk. Committee discussed further discouraging the parking behavior on the sidewalk and installation of bollards.

- Issue of vehicles jumping the curb anywhere along Inner Road, away from crosswalk.
- Parking for options in the area – Fine Arts complex, Rinker Hall

ACTION:

Frank Javaheri offered the suggestion of the bollards on the north side of Inner Road should be for another project, UF 644, Inner Road, Phase I. The project may be amended to include the north side bollards.

First motion - Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the schematic design phase with the following details:

- Per Linda Dixon's suggestion retain the north-south pave surface for bicycle access at northeast corner, ADA access ramp.

Motion was seconded by Emily Hind. With no further discussion the motion passed.

Second motion – By Thomas Hawkins, change to already underway project UF 644, Inner Road, Phase I:

- To prohibit motor vehicle access to pedestrian areas on the north and east sides of the Broward Dining area.

Emily Hind seconded this motion. With no discussion the motion passed.

(Note - Scott Washburn switched agenda item 5, Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, to last agenda item.)

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE POTENTIAL PATAC INITIATIVES

PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION:

Scott Washburn presented and discussed previously PATAC Potential Initiatives presented at the May 2023 meeting:

- Initiative to discourage “bad” parking by service/delivery vehicles
 - Memo sent to Vice President Curtis Reynolds
 - Initiative public communication
 - Development of plans to mitigate behavior
- Discussion (presented and discussed last slide)
 - Considerations
 - Level of (beneficial) impact on the university community
 - Level of difficulty of getting this done – institutional challenges, potential university pushback – For example, raising permit prices
 - Level of effort, on the part of PATAC and TAPS – Additional time it will take to implement changes
 - Rank top 3 choices for further discussion
- Introduction
 - Now that the service/delivery vehicle “bad” parking mitigation initiative has momentum, is there another initiative to focus on?
 - Based on feedback from colleagues and students as well as other items within committee discussions there are a few ideas to get conversation started.
- Campus Parking Restriction times
 - Should they be extended/shortened, maybe both, depending on location?
 - Obtain in input from student government and other stakeholders
- Coordination with UAA
 - Work with UAA to get cooperation to curb undesirable UAA-related transportation/parking activities
 - Identify alternatives (location, time) for deliveries to football stadium and not parking during peak academic times.
 - Not driving golf carts on sidewalks/ramps (applicable to other campus entities)
- Differential Parking permit pricing
 - In line with objectives of CAP 2.0 develop permit fee structure base on vehicle carbon footprint
 - Example of lower pricing for:
 - Smaller vehicles which take up less pavement space
 - Fuel efficient vehicles
 - Lower emissions vehicles
 - Develop permit options to provide more flexibility for those who have limited need for parking on campus.
- Scooter parking permits by zone – Parking mega zones
 - Scooter parking permits would be valid only for specific geographical zones, not entirety of campus
 - Potentially dissuade scooter riders from traveling all over campus throughout the day
- Downtown Park & Ride

- Partner with City of Gainesville for Park & Ride areas
 - Ride buses, bicycles, autonomous shuttle

Communication from a source that the Southwest Downtown Garage is underutilized. Possible coordination of a park-and-ride arrangement.

- Public Service Announcements
 - PSA's (in video form) for campus community members about good transportation "culture" on campus. Essentially discussing how to be a "good transport-Gator."
 - Feature Albert and Alberta
 - Use of eScooter, eSkateboard, eBicycles, etc. (e.g., appropriate riding locations, low/no speed areas)
 - What various campus signage means
 - Respect for fellow Gators who are studying, researching, taking exams in buildings next to roadways
 - ✓ Example – do not joyride through campus in vehicle with exhaust modified for increased volume
 - Could archive these into a Canvas module for students
- Student Rewards – Not park illegally, use public transportation
 - Create student rewards points system for transportation/parking issues. Points could be awarded for:
 - Lack of parking citation over a certain period (month. Semester)
 - Frequency of using public transportation to/from campus
 - Report various issues – damaged bicycle racks, broken/illegible signs (using TAPS website)
 - Making suggestions that get implemented
 - Points could be redeemed for:
 - Athletic event tickets/priority
 - Bookstore, campus food vendor discounts
- Campus Instrumentation Investment
 - Develop proposal for investment in sensors/instrumentation to track transportation and parking patterns and discussion of potential benefits
 - Support CAP 2.0
- Jaywalking Enforcement - (Photo of alligator crossing Gale Lemerand Drive provided by Scott Fox)
 - Encourage any commentary/discussion regarding this issue

The committee discussed the following:

- Communication with the University community
 - Imparting practical information several times a year – In addition to permits, RTS, etc. include rule-based information.
 - Emily Hind suggested grabbing attention to email notices by including incidents such as death and accident counts, incident reports, people getting hit on campus.
 - Suggested the security video and test for obtaining scooter permits.
 - Rules about riding in bike lanes, weaving in the roads, etc.
 - Ron Fuller was asked about and discussed
 - Safety tests for scooter permits - This is possible however singling out one permit holder group may not be well-received by the community.
 - Mega scooter parking zones and constant scooter movement around campus
- Enforcement
 - Emily Hind suggested community reporting and uploading photos to app for reporting violations, incidents
 - Ron Fuller stated that there is no scanning capability for plate recognition in scooter zones. Handheld devices are used. Still many citations are written for vehicle violations, but it is hard to catch all offenders.

- Identify specific problem areas – work with UPD.
- Discussions with delivery services (example UPS, Fed Ex)
 - Companies unconcerned
 - Consequences
 - ✓ Towing vehicles – TAPS has no towing capabilities
 - ✓ Citing vehicle – Noting specific drivers as violators
- Emily Hind discussed educating through Preview and new employee/faculty orientation.
- Discussion of scooter and other vehicles fumes and noise.
- Additional discussion regarding working with UPD and having presentations about permits, violations, etc.

ACTION:

Thomas Hawkins presented a motion with these parts:

- Ask TAPS staff to present permitting process
 - Advise on opportunities for addressing safety issues
- How we communicate transportation and safety to students/new students at Preview.
- Delegate to Bart Knowles how UPD interfaces with the safety reporting Gator Safe app. and use of this tool for transportation safety issues.
- Presentation UF Panning with the City of Gainesville/RTS transportation coordinator for a presentation regarding the use of downtown garages for park-and-ride, bus circulator, routes, encouraging ridership.

Tom Feather reviewed and discussed UF 644. Noted the project includes:

- Raised crosswalk
- Signalized crosswalk with flashing beacons
- Each side of roadway has posted signage; beacons are mounted to inhibit vehicles from sidewalk.
- Beacons will be on a motion sensor
- Bollard detects pedestrians which will activate the flashing beacons.
- Two bollards on north and south sides – will inhibit vehicles from jumping crosswalk

The committee further discussed push-button beacons, motions detecting beacons and installations of these devices around campus.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR 2023-2024 TERM

(Switched to agenda item 6)

PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION:

Scott Washburn called for nominations.

Although Thomas Hawkins appointment term expired, he will rejoin the committee at a later time.

Emily Hind was asked if she would like to serve as Vice Chair; she declined.

There was discussion regarding

- Term and length of service
- Responsibilities of the positions

Scott Washburn nominated himself and volunteered to continue service and was reelected Chair unanimously.

Vice Chair election was postponed for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.