

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 12, 2023 at 2:00 pm

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS: Emily Bartley, Jennifer Clark, Marty Dempsey, Margaret Fields, Emily Hind, Sarah Gamble, Carolyn Kelly, Major Bart Knowles, Matthew Terza, Scott Washburn

LIASONS: Linda Dixon, Scott Fox

NON-MEMBERS: Kaylee August, Thomas Feather, Ron Fuller, Robert Hatker, Laurie Hall, Thomas Hawkins, Charles Kammin, John Lawson, Rachel Mandell, Alison Moss, Michael Panarisi, Savannah Partridge, G. Roberts, Todd Whitehead, Seth Wood, Daniel Young, Milo Zapata, Nina Shubert (Recording)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Ifigeneia Giannadaki, Ramzi Salloum,

STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Scott Washburn

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Scott Washburn asked that new and current PATAC committee members, liaisons and guests introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Washburn asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from July 2023. There were a couple of comments confirming words and typos fixes. Emily Hind requested that the PowerPoint presentation regarding the discussion about Buckman Drive trees be attached to the minutes in some way. Scott Washburn suggested that the presentation/PDF format could be available for public record. Suggestion that the PowerPoint could be added when the approved minutes are submitted to the Vice President's office. Daniel Young stated that he would ask the presenter, Lori Hall, to send along the up-to-date version of the PowerPoint. Emily Hind requested that all meeting presentation materials be included on the PATAC website. It was agreed that this could be done, in a streamlined fashion.

Emily Hind stated that she wanted to amend the meeting minutes as she discovered she cannot fit her cargo bike in between the bike racks. Through committee discussion it was determined the minutes are correct and will reflect the original statement.

The typos will be corrected. The motion to approve was set by Emily Hind and was seconded by Emily Bartley. The minutes from July 2023 were approved.

TAPS UPDATE

PRESENTING: SCOTT FOX, RON FULLER

DISCUSSION:

Projects

- Fairly smooth start of Fall term, considering lingering construction projects.
- Traffic signal at Reitz Union Drive and Museum Road is nearly complete. Should go live on September 15. It will include an all-directional stop phase allowing pedestrian crossing in all directions. Will assist will traffic exiting on Museum Road.
- Red parking reinstated at former commuter lot on Gale Lemerand Drive, south of Garage 14.
 - Restored to parking lot post-construction laydown area.
- Maguire/UVS housing is now completely vacant.
 - Parking designation was changed from Brown to Any Permit.

There was a question regarding state/maintenance vehicle parking compliance. Scott Fox provided and update:

- Seeing satisfying compliance.
- Working out bugs in message delivery.
- Identifying suitable parking alternatives for delivery vehicles

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN

DISCUSSION:

Scott Washburn discussed the election of the vice/associate chair position. There is a need to fill this position. Thomas Hawkins was associate chair, however rotated off the committee. It is expected that he will rejoin the committee soon, though. A candidate may be self-nominated, or an individual may be nominated by someone else. Scott Fox added the expectations for vice-chair are to conduct the PATAC meeting in the chair's absence, however there are no real other commitments. Jennifer Clark asked about mentoring for the committee's leadership roles. In the past there had been no formal mentoring. Additional discussion and Jennifer Clark suggested the vice-chair selection and voting be tabled for a future meeting. Scott Washburn encouraged anyone who was interested to contact him.

UF-687 BROWARD DINING HALL RENOVATION & EXPANSION 60% CONSTRUCTION

PRESENTING: RONERT HATKER, PD&C

DISCUSSION:

Robert Hatker introduced the renovation and upgrade to the Broward Dining Hall. He introduced Daniel Young and Todd Whitehead from CHW. This project is a renovation and expansion but also an addition to Broward Dining near the Honors College area. The facility is being upgraded and renovation to accommodate new students and additional students in this area. The desire is to make this a first-class dining facility. Project is at the 60% construction phase.

Project Overview

- Project Brief
 - Campus Dining intends to provide a value-added experience to campus constituents and the support the overall University's brand as it strives to keep or better the top-5 public institutions in the country.
 - This plan aligns with the University's contract term with Chartwells.
 - As part of the agreement several dining services will be upgraded to accommodate for the rising number of students in the area.
 - Include the renovation in 18,500 GSF
 - Expansion of 10,000 GSF
 - 700-800 interior seats
- Construction Sequence
 - October 2023 – August 2024
 - Fencing will go up in October 2023
 - Construction to commence in December 2023
- Current Use
 - Campus dining facility

Todd Whitehead then discussed the location of the project – Inner Road and the Honors College. Discussed and presented were the project's parameters, existing conditions and site plan:

- ADA accessible eastside path to run alongside the building.
- Seeking to make this path ADA accessible from Inner Road to the Honors Village.
- Increased footprint - Service drive location and loading dock.
- Existing conditions on the south side of the current building.

- Development of the east ADA accessible path -16 ft width.
- Ramp on north side has been reworked to a pedestrian ramp – allowed for some landscape green space.
 - Working with the Inner Road project.
 - Retaining steps to maintain student flow along the building.
- Shifting service drive and the loading dock into the area – Increase of seat count.
- Tying ADA pathway in area to Mallory
- Upgrading bike racks in southeast area.

There was some committee discussion regarding the pathways, bike parking:

- Emily Hind expressed concerns regarding the width of the path. Todd Whitehead stated the pathway will be 16 feet wide. As the path winds to the heritage oak trees the pathway will reduce to 12 feet. The east side of the building will reduce to 10 feet in width.
- Michael Panarisi inquired regarding the “functional classification” of the new pathway – specifically would the pathway be a sidewalk or a shared-use path. Linda Dixon stated this would be considered a shared-use path.
- Scott Fox stated he hoped the project design would include bollards located at the top and bottom to keep full-sized vehicles off the pathways.
- Emily Hind questioned and stated concerns regarding larger bike/cargo bike parking at the new style bike racks. Daniel Young offered the Peak bike racks will be installed and are the current University standard.
- Regarding Scott Fox’s concerns regarding UF vehicles using path areas as service access, bollard installation to prevent access. Included in discussion was to add bollards to protect pathways.
- Scott Washburn spoke about the impervious pavement area being addressed and delivery truck access in the area and along Inner Road. There is access at the rear of the site and the service drive will be widened to accommodate. Inner would not be used for delivery and with the renovation north area would no longer be an area for deliveries. Vendors will be informed by Business Services and Chartwells not to deliver in this area.
- Jennifer Clark inquired about the impermeable versus permeable pavement in consideration of trees and overall sustainability. Linda Dixon stated that permeable asphalt and recycled rubber surfaces have been used with success. Concrete is used for more durability. Alternative surface paving for campus can be examined and considered.
- Ron Fuller stated that although Peak bike racks are used these are not the sole standard rack. There are options for the inverted U racks and other style racks. There can be a combination of racks to consider accommodation of larger tired electric bikes. There was further discussion by the committee regarding alternative bike racks.
- Major Knowles spoke about security and camera installation on the east side of the building.
- Savannah Partridge asked the project to consider the installation of bollards and spacing be considered to accommodate mobility devices.
- Scott Fox suggested charging stations for Chartwells’ and others’ golfcarts on the side of the service drive.
- Jennifer Clark inquired regarding the number of delivery vehicles able to access the dormitory area service drive and the turn-around capacity. The installation of cooler and freezer boxes will diminish the necessity of deliveries, as it will increase storage capacity. The number of vehicles fitting in the delivery area depends on size. Several box trucks can fit, however only one tractor trailer (WB-40). There was further discussion regarding navigation, access, and safety in the area. Scott Fox added that most big truck deliveries are done during break weeks.

ACTION:

Scott Washburn suggested a motion to approve to include installation of bollards to prevent larger vehicle access to the share-use path. Tom Feather, project manager for Inner Road, discussed the plan to install a raised crosswalk at each corner. With this installation will be photo detection bollards to inhibit vehicular access to the path at the north side. The motion can reflect the installation of bollards on the southern end of the shared-use path.

Jennifer Clark moved to approve the project site plan at 60% with the inclusion of traffic impeding device installation at the southern end of the pedestrian/bike path. Motion was seconded by Emily Hind. With no discussion or objections, the motion passed.

CYCLING SAFETY ISSUES**PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN****DISCUSSION:**

Scott Washburn discussed Connor Watkins concerns regarding bicycle safety. Although due to scheduling conflicts Mr. Watkins was unable to attend the meeting, Scott Washburn discussed Mr. Watkins concerns, situation, and suggestions. Mr. Watkins experienced two bike accidents by the Health Science Center in a short period of time. The committee discussed obtaining additional information regarding these accidents and if the committee could facilitate/recommend some changes that could greatly reduce the likelihood of accidents. Emily Hind discussed Mr. Watkins and her concerns with the bus traffic on campus, electric bikes, and the speed of these vehicles.

- Jennifer Clark inquired regarding campus traffic data for addressing these types of concerns for policy changes. Scott Washburn, in speaking with Major Knowles, discussed unreported accidents on campus and gathering accident and crash data.
- Discussed reporting could be added to the Gator Safe app and student ability to report incidents.
- Emily Hind discussed the MyGNV app for reporting.
- Major Knowles discussed collecting, discerning applicable data.
- Sarah Gamble, as a bike commuter, discussed concerns about vehicles parking in the bike lanes and speeding on campus and citations. She also expressed concerns on O'Connell Center pick-ups and drop-offs by parents for camps/lessons blocking bike lanes.
- Margaret Fields discussed concerns with the e-scooters on sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, and bike paths.

ACTION:

For discussion by the committee.

PATAC POTENTIAL INITIATIVES**PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN****DISCUSSION:**

Scott Washburn, although not presenting the PowerPoint, will prepare an email regarding the initiatives. Talked about the committee addressing these initiatives.

ACTION:

For discussion purposes.

OTHER BUSINESS:**PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN**

Scott Washburn discussed:

- Cargo bikes – Presented an article and photos on four-wheel vehicles which are considered “cargo bikes”. Potential for use on campus. Major Knowles offered that with the proposed vehicle the free zone these vehicles could have use in emergency situations.

- EV Parking/Policies – Ron Fuller discussed challenges with EV charging areas. The funding for the areas was implemented. However, there was no funding for maintenance or replacement of the charging station equipment. Stations are high maintenance. With the Office of Sustainability examining the following possibilities:
 - Possible change of vendors.
 - Additional funding sources.
 - Elimination of free parking.
 - Will discourage extended stay in the charging areas.
 - Will require enforcement with license plate recognition (LPR)
 - Discourage backing into charging station spaces.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.