



## **Parking And Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday August 12, 2025, at 2:00pm**

**CHAIR:** Thomas Hawkins

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Walter O'Dell.

**ATTENDEES:**

**MEMBERS:** Walter O'Dell, Margaret Fields, Matthew Terza, Marty Dempsey, Thomas Hawkins (chair)

**NON-MEMBERS:** Adam Hall, Seth Woods, Mike Simonovich, Frank Javaheri, Thomas Feather, Jacob Pruitt, Amelia Dempere, Jessica Klutz, Laurie Hall

**LIAISONS:** Linda Dixon, Kevin Sowers, Mairead Baker

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Cydney McGlothlin, Gregg Henderscheidt, Chuck Kammin, Patrick Klager, Andrei Kirilenko, Matthew Williams, Emily Hind, Carolyn Kelley

**STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Aaron Amster, Caroline Botts, Samantha Kinggard

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Thomas Hawkins asked all committee members and participating attendees to introduce themselves and share their locations.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Thomas Hawkins asked the committee to review and approve the minutes from the July 08, 2025, meeting. A motion to approve was set by Walter O'Dell and was seconded by Margaret Fields. The motion passed unanimously.

**TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Mairead Baker**

Mairead shared a proposal idea with the group regarding the carpool program. Staff have been asked to return to work and are concerned about parking. Mairead talked about offering a one-day parking permit for faculty, staff, and visitors that could be purchased online. Kevin Sowers talked about a temporary park and ride option that may be available in the future for faculty and staff that would utilize a Gator Connect shuttle that would come to the heart of campus. Other committee members asked about ways to encourage people to use alternative transportation to get to campus.

**VOTING ITEM:****UF-318-DENTAL SCIENCE BUILDING – SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE****PRESENTING: Jim Vignola**

Jim explained that the project scope includes an addition to the Dental Science Building which will include a new drop-off area along center drive. The building addition will be located on the parking lot west of the existing tower. The redesigned drop-off will provide improved access for visitors and expand and improve the existing pedestrian plaza located to the north of the existing parking lot. The new drop off sequence will provide queuing space for visitors/patients to be dropped off at the new entrance.

**ACTION:**

A motion to approve the project with requests was set by Sarah Gamble and was seconded by Walter O'Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

- Requests for a second bike location if possible and a bus shelter/covering on Center if possible.

**DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS:****Parking Spaces/9 mth Faculty & Disabled Spaces – Amelia Dempere**

Amelia asked about being able to purchase the single day permits online instead of in person. Mairead Baker mentioned that option should be available by August 25<sup>th</sup>. Amelia asked about getting additional disabled spaces in the Health Science Center. Mairead asked for more information on the location of the specific garages as some of them may not be U.F. garages. Mairead explained TAPS is partnering with the ADA office and the DRC to come up with a fair and equitable way of providing parking for individuals with mobility issues.

**Discussion: Walter O'Dell**

Walter brought up concerns regarding one of the parking garages used by Med Plaza and Shands. He expressed concerns about the crosswalk being congested and causing traffic to be backed up all the way to Center drive. Linda Dixon explained this a DOT road and any changes would have to be approved by them. She expressed converting it to a full signal may be an option.

**Election of Vice Chair: Thomas Hawkins**

Sarah Gamble made a motion to volunteer as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Marty Dempsy and was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm by Thomas Hawkins.