



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

**Tuesday September 09, 2025, at 2:00pm**

**CHAIR:** Thomas Hawkins

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Thomas Hawkins.

**ATTENDEES:**

**MEMBERS:** Sarah Gamble, Tristan Khajavi, Abigail Melamed, John Streese, Anna Fortenberry, Andrei Kirilenko, Matthew Terza, Sarah Gamble, Chuck Kammin, Patrick Klager, Joshua Yaciuk, Mark Rush, Daniel Topping, Thomas Hawkins (Chair)

**NON-MEMBERS:** Adam Hall, Thomas Feather, Laurie Hall, Sarah Erickson, Milo Zapata, Leslie Cliffe, Jamie Lindsey, Nancy Jones, Theresa Sumrall

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

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Cydney McGlothlin, Gregg Henderscheidt, Jodi Chase, Marty Dempsey, Maximo Toledo, Margaret Fields, Rachelle Studer-Byrnes

**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 August 12, 2025, meeting. A motion to approve was set by Joshua Yaciuk and was seconded by Mark Rush. The motion passed unanimously.

**TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Mairead Baker**

Mairead Baker covered updates on parking permits and campus transportation. Mairead reported on a successful permit season and ongoing football-related initiatives. Sarah inquired about solutions for remote staff returning to campus, and Kevin Sowers shared that a park-and-ride service was underutilized, with only about 10 daily riders. Andrei Kirilenko highlighted ongoing parking concerns from faculty and students, which Kevin Sowers attributed to convenience rather than availability issues.

**VOTING ITEM:****RESCHEDULING OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING: Thomas Hawkins**

The committee decided to reschedule the November meeting to November 25th, with the understanding that it would be canceled if no urgent matters required it.

**ACTION:**

A motion to approve re-scheduling the November meeting to the 25<sup>th</sup> was set by Joshua Yaciuk and was seconded by Mark Rush. The motion passed unanimously.

**UF-672-NEW MUSIC BUILDING: PRESENTING: Milo Zapata**

Milo presented a project update for the School of Music addition, highlighting the selected site adjacent to the existing building and its proposed 39,000 square foot expansion including a 400-500 seat concert hall. The design includes new service parking spaces, enhanced bike parking with 64 spaces, and various access points, though the exact drop-off/pick-up configuration remains under discussion. The project aims to achieve Green Globe certification with three globes as the required level, and the team is working through utility infrastructure challenges and landscape considerations for the site.

**ACTION:**

A motion to approve the project with additional studies was set by Sarah Gamble and seconded by Joshua Yaciuk.

**DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS:**

The group discussed campus transportation and safety concerns, particularly regarding electric and motorized bikes/scooters in dorms. They agreed to form a subcommittee led by Sarah Gamble to examine transportation communication strategies on campus, with members including Christy, Chuck, Mairead, Thomas, Josh and Adam. The subcommittee will investigate current communication methods before researching other universities' approaches.

Theresa raised concerns about safety issues on Newell Drive, particularly regarding the alignment of RTS bus route 13, which now runs through the campus. She highlighted the dangers posed by large vehicles, heavy pedestrian traffic, and the lack of a bicycle lane. Kevin Sowers assured Theresa that the university communicates regularly with RTS and is aware of her concerns.

The committee discussed parking and loading zone challenges on campus, particularly in the medical science area where trucks often park on sidewalks. Kevin Sowers confirmed that while the dental sciences building's loading dock is being evaluated, there is no current university-wide plan to address loading zone adequacy across the medical campus. The discussion concluded with suggestions for traffic safety improvements around Newell Road, including potential stop sign restorations and reduced speed limits, with a proposal for Shands to employ staff to safely direct traffic around vendor vehicles.

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