Parking And Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday March 10, 2026, at 2:00pm

CHAIR: Thomas Hawkins

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Thomas Hawkins.

ATTENDEES:
MEMBERS: Sarah Gamble, John Streese, Joshua Yaciuk, Mark Rush, Thomas Hawkins (Chair), Jodi Chase, Daniel Topping, Marty Dempsey, Maximo Toledo, Margaret Fields, Patrick Klager,
NON-MEMBERS: Laurie Hall, Stefan Rogers, Mairead Baker, Katrina Fields, Andrew Meeker, Kate Farmer, Jamie Lindsey, John Michaels, Henri Belleville, Latrelle Simmons, George Gadiel, Carla Rodrigues, Cole Menhennett
LIAISONS: Kevin Sowers
MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Abigail Melamed, Anna Fortenberry, Chuck Kammin, Tristan Khajavi, Linda Dixon, Gregg Henderscheidt, Andrei Kirilenko, Cydney McGlothlin, Rachelle Studer-Byrnes, Matthew Terza

INTRODUCTIONS:
Thomas Hawkins asked all committee members and participating attendees to introduce themselves, share their locations, and whether they are a voting member or non-member of the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Thomas Hawkins asked the committee to review and approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026 meeting. A motion to approve was set by Jodi Chase and was seconded by Daniel Topping. The motion passed unanimously.

TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Mairead Baker
Mairead Baker provided an update on the installation of new gates across campus, expected to be completed in 4-6 weeks, along with some changes to the transportation system to better serve customers.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:
UF Microbiology & Cell Science Building Phase 2:

Thomas Hawkins explained that this item was added to the agenda as information only. He explained that this was a new building being constructed with no change in the number of parking spaces, just movement of one parking space of about 15 feet. It's an IFAS building over by the South side of Lake Alice.

PK Young School Zone Discussion:

This discussion focused on the potential establishment of a school zone on Southwest 6th Street near P.K. Young School. Latrell and Kate explained that traffic congestion and increased pedestrian activity due to the school's gym renovation justified the need for a school zone. George outlined the process, stating that an engineering study would be required to support the establishment of a school zone, with final approval resting with the city engineer and public works director.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

New Project Request-SW Rec Crosswalk:

Kevin Sowers briefly touched on a proposed raised crosswalk and speed table project near the Rec and Wellness center as part of safety initiatives following a student fatality. Chuck explained that a photometric study would be needed to ensure proper lighting without creating hazards. Joshua thanked the committee for reviewing the project, which is being partly funded by student government and TAPS, with construction planned for summer to avoid impacting fall semester.

VOTING ITEMS:

UF-705-STUDENT HOUSING & DRC

PRESENTING: KATE FARMER

Kate presented an overview of parking changes for a new construction project, detailing plans to relocate service parking and modify the Northeast and Flavet parking lots. The project will remove 116 parking spaces, with the majority of changes affecting the Flavet parking lot where only 7 spaces will remain due to the new building footprint. The project will be delivered in two phases, with Buildings 1 and 2 scheduled for summer 2028 and Buildings 3 and 4 for winter 2028, and includes new crosswalks, bike parking, and facility for delivery trucks and fire vehicles. Kate presented updates on parking and transportation plans for a housing project, including efforts to secure 600 construction parking spaces and expand bike parking to 888 spots, which is below the 60% building occupancy requirement but being addressed through additional overflow options and discussions with facility services. The group discussed concerns about sidewalk access and circulation around the parking lot and driveway. Laurie explained that due to grade changes and steepness, a sidewalk mimicking the driveway would not be practical, and the existing stairs don't serve as an accessible route. The discussion then shifted to scooter and bike charging needs, with Maximo suggesting 10-20% of bike parking spots should have charging capabilities.

ACTION:
A motion to approve the project as presented with conditions was set by Mark Rush and seconded by Margaret Fields. The motion passed unanimously.

UF-708-GRAHAM STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS:
PRESENTING: KATE FARMER
Kate presented the Graham Woods Stormwater Improvement Project, which aims to improve water quality and safety in the area. The project involves reshaping the pond from two ponds to one, moving a 48-inch pipe to prevent future maintenance issues under buildings, and adding paths for recreational use and facility services access. The team is working on obtaining permits and evaluating design options, including a potential land bridge. The project will not impact on parking and will include 20 new bike racks and potential benches along the trails. The committee discussed updates on the vegetation project, where Kate reported that they met with LVL and received recommendations to forward to the VP, including requirements for a full list of tree species, landscape plan, and tree protection zone details, with a planned response in May.
ACTION:
A motion to approve the project as presented was made by Mark Rush and seconded by Marty Dempsey. The motion passed unanimously.

LMP BIKE PARKING STANDARDS: UPDATE
PRESENTING: ANDREW MEEKER
The committee discussed bicycle parking standards, focusing on comparing loop racks versus peak racks. Maximo expressed preference for circular racks due to security concerns, while Andrew noted that loop racks are less efficient in terms of space usage but offer better user experience. The committee agreed to continue the discussion at the April or May meeting, with Andrew tasked to provide recommendations on electrification of bicycle parking spaces, bike area dimensions and design standards, and to remove the 50-50 mandate requirement between rack types. Andrew also committed to including cost information for the proposed electrification infrastructure in his future presentation.
ACTION:
A motion to continue this discussion at a later date was set by Thomas Hawkins and seconded by Maximo Toledo. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS:
The committee had no other business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm by Thomas Hawkins.